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Secrecy lifted from MI5 and MI6 funding

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The debate about scrutinising the work of the security services is far from over but in future their expenditure will be subject to tighter controls

FINANCING of the three intelligence services is to be removed from the Secret Vote and subjected to a stricter value-for-money test than at any time since their foundation.

This latest attempt to bring the intelligence services into the open and to make them more accountable publicly will be introduced as a new administrative procedure, following legislation due in the next parliamentary session.

The funds for MI6, the secret intelligence service, MI5, the security service, and GCHQ, the electronic eavesdropping station at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, are buried in the annual budgets of the Foreign Office, Home Office and Ministry of Defence. MI5 and MI6 are believed to have annual budgets of about £150 million. The spending of the three services will now be placed in a joint audited account subject to examination by Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office.

Unlike the moves planned this autumn to place MI6 on the statute books and introduce restricted parliamentary oversight of the intelligence services, the funding changes will not require legislation.

The funding arrangements will be drawn together in an annual report and Sir John, the Comptroller and Auditor General, will be allowed to scrutinise the books to ensure that the services are giving value for money.

However, Sir John's remit will cover only the general areas of expenditure. He will not be allowed information on operations and techniques.

This arrangement has been tried out on GCHQ in the past three years. GCHQ is a capital-intensive organisation, spending millions of pounds on computers and equipment for listening in to foreign cable traffic and other sensitive communications.

The National Audit Office examines GCHQ's books but keeps the findings secret, although Robert Sheldon, Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, the chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, is kept informed.

MI5 and MI6 also have had expenditure examined by the audit office recently but only in relation to their impending moves to other premises. MI5 is moving from Gower Street to Thames House on Millbank. MI6 is to swap Century House near Waterloo for the twin-towered building at Vauxhall Cross, at Vauxhall Bridge.

The Secret Vote has been an irritant to government departments, which have had to bury the expenditure in their accounts. Under an agreement that dates back to the 19th century, auditing of the security and intelligence services by an independent body has been confined to a system in which the relevant ministers merely supply special certificates.

There has never been a rigorous auditing procedure by a body such as the National Audit Office. Instead, auditing has been carried out in secret by the Treasury.

The autumn legislation will also outline the new arrangement under which MI5, MI6 and GCHQ will be subject to parliamentary oversight. Although John Major and the key cabinet ministers have all agreed that some oversight is necessary, there has been debate over the form.

In spite of reports that the oversight committee is likely to comprise privy counsellors, this is not regarded as essential by the agencies. Ministers have not decided.

The recommendation to ministers is that the committee should have representatives from all three main political parties, the Commons and the House of Lords. The chairman would be appointed by the prime minister and would have access to more privileged information.

One option that has not met with enthusiasm in the intelligence community is to put oversight into the hands of Commons select committees. This would make MI5 accountable to the home affairs committee and MI6 to the foreign affairs committee.

The preferred option is to have a special committee that could meet in a restricted environment. Documents could then be examined and kept safe by Cabinet Office officials.

Stella Rimington, director-general of MI5, has now revealed herself. She might be prepared to appear before a select committee.

However, Sir Colin McColl, chief of MI6, apparently feels there is not the same requirement for him. Nevertheless, he supports greater openness and is said to be happy to accept a form of parliamentary oversight.

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Britain's sprint relay team — Tony Jarrett, John Regis, Linford Christie and Colin Jackson — after winning silver at Stuttgart yesterday

Medal-winning athletes restore British pride

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE spirit of *Chariots of Fire* was rekindled in Stuttgart yesterday as British athletes celebrated their most successful world championships. With 11 medals, many for events in which Britain does not traditionally excel, the team lifted some of the dark clouds which settled over the football and cricket scenes this summer.

But at the world athletics championships, to which the elite of more than 200 nations can send competitors, Britain won three gold medals and finished in joint fourth place in the medals table. The manner of the achievements and the grace of the performers can only aid Manchester's case to stage the 2000 Olympic Games when the International Olympic Committee votes on the venues on September 23. In the sport which is the centrepiece of the Olympics programme, Britain showed it is at the summit.

"Fabuleux, ces British!" said the headline in the French sports newspaper *L'Equipe*. "They've made the world sit up and take notice," commented the great Jamaican sprinter Don Quarrie.

Sally Gunnell, the British women's team captain, who yesterday added a bronze medal in the 400-metre relay to the gold she won in the 400-metre hurdles last week, was eager to acclaim the best British performance since the world championships were staged in 1983 as a separate event from the Olympic Games.

She said: "It all started with Linford Christie's win on the first Saturday. After that no one wanted to be the one not to produce their best. There were many UK and personal records as well as medals. It is down to our team spirit." Yesterday Christie joined three other medallists in the individual events — Colin Jackson, John Regis and Tony Jarrett — to finish close behind the United States in the sprint relay.

Steve Smith, 20, was also third in the high jump, a feat he celebrated with a back flip when he equalled the Commonwealth record. It is the first time since the 1908 Olympics that a British man has won a medal in this event at this level.

Meanwhile, at The Oval, Mark Ramprakash made his highest-ever Test score of 64 in a partnership with Alec Stewart to lead England to a second-innings total of 313. Australia, who were one for no wicket before bad light stopped play, were set 391 to win.

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Sally Gunnell: success down to team spirit

Solicitors' hearings to be open

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most secret courts in the country, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, is to open its hearings to the public.

Every year up to 200 of the 60,000 members of the profession appear before the tribunal on charges of professional misconduct. Those found guilty face penalties that can mean professional disaster: a reprimand or fine at best, being struck off at worst.

Solicitors are usually referred to the tribunal by the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau, but may come before it after facing criminal charges — as could happen to Angus Diggle, convicted last week of attempted rape. Conversely, criminal proceedings may follow a tribunal hearing.

Until now the hearings

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Tories plan rebellion over train fare rises

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MacGregor, the transport secretary, is likely to veto British Rail proposals to raise some commuter fares by 16.2 per cent — almost twelve times the rate of inflation — because of intense pressure from heartland Tories who fear the plans could cost them their seats.

Conservative MPs in the southeast, where more than 400,000 constituents use Network SouthEast which faces the highest rises, believe the plans could have a disastrous effect on the party in next May's London local government elections.

According to plans outlined in a confidential document that has been seen by the pressure group Transport 2000, Network SouthEast has prepared three options for fare increases which would have a direct effect on commuters. The most stringent would increase the cost of the London Travelcard by 16.2 per cent as part of a plan to recoup the £25m shortfall in government grants. Single standard tickets would rise by 12 per cent and the season ticket by 7.9 per cent.

The second option would raise season tickets by 8.5 per cent but hold the extra cost of the Travelcard to 10.3 per cent. The single standard would rise by 12 per cent.

In a third, "least favourable" option, the cost of Travelcards would rise by 6.3 per cent, single standard tickets by 8 per cent and season tickets by 6 per cent.

The MPs, many of whose constituents have to endure the rigors of commuting into London on Network South-

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A war-shattered boy asks a question no one can answer

FROM KURT SCHORK
OF REUTER
IN MOSTAR

SELMA and Mirzad hold hands on hospital beds in a fetid, airless cellar in the Muslim-held eastern part of Mostar.

The bloody, guaze-wrapped stump of Selma's amputated right arm moves in slow circles as she stirs under sedation. Her nine-year-old face is swollen and pitted with flecks of shrapnel.

Clutching his sister's hand from the neighbouring bed, Mirzad, eight, cries out: "Will I be able to walk on my leg again?" A family friend reassures him, but no one can answer his question. Shrapnel severed blood vessels in his right leg and doctors are not certain they have been able to restore circulation.

Nor can they fully assess Selma's head wounds, but they say her right knee was destroyed when a shell fired by Bosnian Croat forces landed in the family garden on Friday, ripping through the limbs of the two children.

Selma and Mirzad are trapped in a makeshift hospital with no electricity or running water, two more wounded in the 16-month Bosnian civil war. Their shell-shattered bodies lie on grimy sheets, in a hospital that is little more than a battlefield trauma clinic improvised from a turn-of-the-century laboratory. Blood-encrusted stretchers propped against a stone wall outside the hospital's entrance are a grim reminder that this clinic is virtually the only hope for war-wounded Muslims.

The Muslim-held quarter has been under Croat blockade for more than two months. A United Nations convoy finally reached Mostar with a token supply of medicine on Saturday but there is no guarantee Croat forces will lift their blockade.

Until they do, doctors here will work under conditions the UN deputy chief of mission for Yugoslavia described on Saturday as intolerable. Shortly after the deputy chief and his convoy left Mostar on Saturday a locally-agreed ceasefire expires and more war wounded begin arriving.

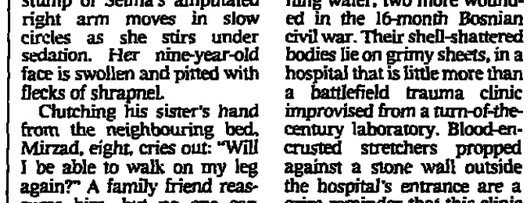
The first is a sniper victim named Samir, brought to the hospital unconscious with 12 inches of intestine protruding from a wound in his stomach. A surgeon steps to the table and with one deft, diagonal stroke, lays the patient open from breastbone to hip.

Down the hall, past a sheet dividing the cellar corridor from wards and work areas, Selma and Mirzad still hold hands in their misery. Across from the children, a distraught woman tries to restrain her husband as he goes into convulsions. A sniper victim with brain damage, he is tied to the bed. Mirzad looks on in alarm and begins to cry as the man struggles.

The next day, the hospital's chief doctor listens to reporters' questions about possible airdrops and emergency evacuations with obvious irritation. He explains that the two sniper victims, Samir and Mustafa, have died. A mortar bomb has just scored a direct hit on the hospital's annexe, slightly injuring one already wounded patient.

Pale and haggard after 100 days of living and working under ground, the doctor asks that his name not be used for fear of retribution against family members on the Croat side in Mostar. Then he explodes: "Forgive me if I seem rude, but the world knows very well what's happening here. Since they know, maybe they should feel a little bit guilty. Maybe they will be in the same situation one day and no one will help them."

"Military planners on both sides appear to have neglected the simple fact that there will be little left of the area for any victor once the battle is over"
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A UN soldier cheers up a wounded boy in Mostar

Death within days, page 7

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How Times readers can save lives in Bosnia now

MARTIN BELL REPORTS
FROM TUZLA

WHOEVER is guilty of creating the hell that is Bosnia today, Adisa Ekrem and thousands of children like her are the innocent victims.

I discovered the six-year-old girl in an overcrowded makeshift refugee shelter near Tuzla. Orphaned after a devastating mortar blast, Adisa herself was now fighting for her life. The shelter was desperately short of food, particularly the food needed by young children.

At first hand, I witnessed the work of Feed the Children, the aid agency which delivers food and medical and hygiene supplies direct to children in immediate need.

They're bringing hope to hell. Their work is fast, efficient, extremely well-targeted, and often carried out in very dangerous conditions. They've saved Adisa's life – and the lives of countless more children.

But every week, yet more are made homeless. Feed the Children has pledged that if military action threatens aid deliveries to any area, they will continue to distribute supplies wherever they can in former Yugoslavia.

To do this, they need more support from people in Britain. *Times* readers can make a real difference. With £25, Feed the Children can feed 45 hungry infants for one day. I strongly urge you to help.



BBC's Martin Bell: witness and advocate of Feed the Children's life-saving work

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Miners return after Bilsthorpe prayers

Miners resumed work at Bilsthorpe Colliery last night after prayer services were held throughout Britain's coalfields for the three men killed in a rock fall at the Nottinghamshire pit on Wednesday. Rescue teams recovered the body of the third victim, colliery under-manager David Shelton, 31, on Saturday. The Health and Safety Executive has begun an investigation with Australian experts into the roof bolt system used in the collapsed tunnel.

Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is facing pressure from British Coal not to split the industry into separate units for privatisation in 1995. Industry chiefs believe mining will be viable only if the 12 core pits likely still to be operating are sold together.

Two die in blaze

A man and his young daughter died when fire swept through a tenement home in Greenock, Strathclyde. Police were treating as suspicious the blaze in which Andrew Newman, 35, and Emma, 5, died. Seven others were injured, including Mr Newman's three other children and members of the Thompson family, whom they were visiting.

RAF burial in Russia

Four RAF crewmen who died while flying to Russia to help to protect second world war convoys will be buried on Wednesday with full military honours in the city of Archangel. The remains of the Hampden bomber from 144 Squadron, which set out from Sumburgh, Shetland, in 1942, were found in 1991. Relatives will attend the funerals.

Speedboat death

A British businessman has appeared before a court in Marbella after a teenage boy was hit and killed by a speedboat. Lee Mason, 14, of Worthing, Sussex, suffered fatal head and neck injuries while snorkelling on the Costa del Sol. Norman Tuchband, aged 49, of London, was bailed in the sum of 250,000 pesetas (about £1,220).

Royal accused

A member of the Kuwaiti royal family is to go before Uxbridge magistrates next month, charged with unlawful wounding and violent disorder. Fahad Haber al-Sabah, 33, of Kensington, west London, is accused with two others of attacking a taxi driver at Heathrow airport last Friday. The cabbie was allegedly hit with sticks in a fare dispute.

Car 'grabber' still selling

The inventor of a car alarm "grabber" is to continue selling it, despite a teenager's conviction last week for possessing a similar device for criminal use. David Edgar, of Cannock, Staffordshire, said he would not withdraw the £700 electronic machine. It can be used to de-activate a car security system and open the doors.

Dog's best friends swing low from City tower block

MICHAEL POWELL



Supporters of the National Canine Defence League abseil 220ft down the side of Barclays Bank, Fenchurch Street in the City of London yesterday in a sponsored challenge to raise funds for the league, which cares for abandoned and abused dogs. More than 300 people were trained for the descent by army instructors and organisers who were inundated with applications. They intend to stage a repeat event

Reformers warn of riots if tougher jail codes are ordered

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard's plans to make prison life "more austere" were welcomed by Tory backbenchers yesterday, but condemned by the opposition as a bid to win plaudits from the Tory party conference.

Penal reform groups gave a warning that poor conditions could lead to more suicides in jails and that talk by the home secretary of a more spartan regime could spark disturbances in jails already facing a rapid rise in their population.

But prisons minister Peter Lloyd confirmed that the home secretary, due back tonight from a holiday in California, wants more vigorous work for the 45,000 prisoners held in Britain's jails.

Mr Lloyd said: "I think the home secretary probably feels there are too many frills, too many opportunities that strike less of real training for the outside world and rather more of what is available for middle-aged ladies to go to in the evening."

Mr Howard, who has visited Brixton prison, wants to toughen the prison service's attitude in dealing with inmates. He is also known to believe that some of the new prisons provide facilities that are too lavish. His demands, revealed in a memorandum, for a crackdown on prisons that are "too comfortable" and regimes that are "too lax", have been welcomed by Conservative MPs worried that the government has lost the initiative on law and order.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the home affairs select committee, said: "The public are fed up with hearing stories of prisoners not being tasked sufficiently, being released earlier than the public would think proper, and enjoying sports and home life."

Officials sought to play down the significance of the memorandum from Mr Howard's private office. Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, who has spoken to Mr Howard in the United States about the document, said that if prisoners spent more time out of their cells, as was happening as part of the Woolf reforms, they should be engaged in work and training. "They should not be idling and lounging around," he said.

Frances Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said the move would cause resentment and violence in prisons. "It will lead to riots and it may even be the cause of suicides."

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said that the home secretary's plans were calculated to meet his need to give the Conservative party conference the impression that he was doing something.

☐ Brodie Clarke, governor of Woodhill Prison, near Milton Keynes, yesterday demanded tougher measures to deal with inmates who attack staff. The strongest punishment a governor can impose in such a case is a 28-day extension of sentence.

Howard stalls on IRA prison moves

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, is resisting moves to transfer jailed IRA terrorists serving long terms in English prisons to Northern Ireland to complete their sentences nearer their families.

Applications from Republican prisoners, including Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer, jailed for life after being convicted of an IRA plot to bomb English seaside resorts, are being considered by officials in the Home Office.

The home secretary is deeply unhappy at proposals unveiled nine months ago for early agreement on the transfer of prisoners to Maghaberry jail, co. Antrim, for extended temporary transfer. In the current political climate, his officials are aware that there will be little public sympathy for transfers designed to improve prisoners' access to their families.

Solicitors acting for most of the Republican terrorists are planning to bring proceedings for judicial review over Mr Howard's failure to decide on their application to be transferred to Northern Ireland. Patricia Coyle, a solicitor, said: "Counsel have been instructed with a view to bringing proceedings in connection with delay in any movement on this issue."

A total of 28 prisoners, including people convicted of non-terrorist offences, have applied for a transfer but only 16 are outstanding, including requests from people convicted of IRA bombings in Britain during the past two decades. The applications have been discussed frequently since last November when Peter Lloyd, the prisons minister, told MPs the government would implement the recommendation of a Whitehall committee for the greater use of temporary transfer.

Under the regulations prisoners can be sent to the province on an extended transfer which can last several months, though privately officials admit that the arrangement could quietly become permanent.

Ministers are extremely sensitive about transfers, particularly if men and women convicted of some of the worst terrorist outrages were seen to be returning to a prison regime at Maghaberry which is noted for its good facilities, including cells with television.

Portillo faces Tory revolt on tax rises

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Portillo is trying to slash hundreds of millions of pounds from Whitehall running costs in the face of a growing Tory revolt over the prospect of tax rises in the November Budget.

With the annual spending negotiations about to get into full swing, the Treasury chief secretary has told cabinet colleagues that he expects across-the-board savings of 2 per cent in the cost of running the government administrative machine. The target could mean cuts in civil service staffing jobs, particularly in departments such as the Treasury, whose main costs are administration.

At the same time Mr Portillo has given a strong hint that the Treasury is considering further increases in indirect taxation — possibly by extending the scope of VAT — as an alternative to raising income tax in Kenneth Clarke's first Budget.

More and more private and public warnings are being issued by senior Tory backbenchers that they will not stomach tax rises: instead they are urging the government to lower the ceilings agreed for spending over the next two years. Senior Tories believe that the dispute over taxes and spending now represents a threat to Conservative unity, similar to that over the ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Portillo responded to the fears of MPs over direct tax rises when he appeared in BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost* programme yesterday. But he carefully left open the door to increases in indirect taxation. Several Tories believe the Treasury is preparing the way for imposing VAT on items such as newspapers and books in the next Budget.

Mr Portillo appeared to be warning that if the party's aim of low taxation clashed with its top priority of sound finances, then taxes would go up. "I can't say now that come November we won't need to see the rate of public borrowing falling faster, and that would mean that we would have to have some tax increases," he said.

Mr Portillo added: "We are a party that believes in low taxation ... But we are also a party that believes in sound public finances. From time to time these two may come into conflict. When they do, we must make sure the public finances are sound."

"I'm prepared to be tough because I think it is very important that the government ... should not live beyond its means."

Challenge by Gould could split Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR MPs' discontent over Margaret Beckett's performance as deputy leader has raised fears among party leaders that she could face a potentially divisive challenge for the job next summer.

Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet last year over Labour's European policy, is being urged by close supporters to mount a campaign to oust her as a way of promoting changes in the party's direction, particularly on the economy.

Yesterday he said: "I have no current plans to challenge for either the leadership or deputy leadership. But it is certainly the case that there is some general and perhaps growing unhappiness with the party's current attitude and strategy. That unhappiness might become more focused by this time next year, in which case the possibility of a challenge could not be ruled out."

Senior party sources said that Mr Gould would not be thanked if he launched a deputy leadership challenge that could lead to internal divisions in the run-up to next year's election campaign for Euro MPs.

Mrs Beckett has been criticised by MPs for her low profile in the posts of deputy leader and campaigns co-ordinator. Although some of John Smith's supporters are thought to be unhappy with her performance, he would inevitably throw his public backing behind Mrs Beckett, with whom he was elected as party leader on a union-backed "dream ticket" last year.

Intelligence services move out from the shadows

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The spirit of openness adopted by the security services in Britain has caused more than one little local difficulty

THE process of introducing Britain's intelligence services to the outside world has taken several years to gestate. In the next parliamentary session, MI6 and GCHQ will join MI5 on the statute books and all three will be overseen by parliament.

Stella Rimington, MI5's first woman director-general, has been seen as the trailblazer for a new era of openness. The moves to bring MI5 out of the shadows began before she was appointed. Discussions had taken place at the Home Office and Cabinet Office during the time of Sir Patrick Walker, Mrs Rimington's predecessor. When she took over 18 months ago, she added new impetus. She even made it clear she was in favour of playing a public role.

At the 19-storey Century House headquarters of MI6 near Waterloo, there was a similar mood of openness. Sir Colin McColl, a highly respected career intelligence officer who had agreed to stay on as head of MI6 to bring the service into the new post-Cold war era, supported parliamentary oversight.

The new policy has already had its drawbacks. With the cloak of secrecy removed officially by John Major, the heads of MI5 and MI6 have had to come to terms with the more negative aspects of publicity. Mrs Rimington and Sir Colin have been forced to move house because of newspaper articles pinpointing their home addresses.

After so many years working out of the public eye, it will be a learning experience for the services to be subjected to parliamentary questioning. MI6, which provides intelligence to meet requests from government departments, including the Foreign Office, has had almost no contact with elected Members of Parliament.

MI6's planned move to its new building at Vauxhall Cross has already thrust it into an unwelcome spotlight. After a decade of being hidden, it will reside from next April in a building that will feature on every Thames guide.

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Rimington: keen to promote openness

British climber is killed in Eiger fall

BY RONALD FAUX

A BRITISH woman has been killed and her partner injured in a fall on the Eiger, Swiss emergency services reported yesterday.

The woman, 45, is understood to have fallen nearly 1,000ft down the west flank of the mountain. A helicopter rescued the two climbers and flew the woman and her partner, a man aged 46, to hospital. Their names will not been revealed until next of kin have been informed.

A police spokesman said the two climbers set out at dawn on Saturday from the Eiger glacier station. They had reached about 3,400 metres when they decided to retreat because the woman became exhausted. They were roped together when she fell. Cries for help were heard by other climbers and the emergency services were alerted.

The woman died in hospital as a result of her injuries. Her partner's condition was not disclosed. The accident brings to 32 the number of people killed mountaineering this season in Switzerland.

☐ Severe weather conditions are thought to have defeated a British expedition attempting to climb K2, at 28,253ft the second highest summit in the world.

The four-strong team of Roger Payne, his wife Julie Ann Clyma, Alan Hinkes and Victor Saunders, were reported to have established their fourth camp on the mountain, 1,400ft below the summit. But monsoon-strength rain at base camp fell as heavy, wind-driven snow high on the mountain. Severe storms in the area have forced seven expeditions to retreat to base camps.

K2 has already claimed five lives this year. The British climbers reported finding the remains of Art Gilkey, an American climber who disappeared in 1953.

Hearings to be in public

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of the three-member panels of the tribunal, an independent statutory body, have been strictly private, although solicitors are entitled to ask for a public hearing — which they almost never do. But the question of opening hearings to the public has regularly been on the tribunal's agenda for the past few years.

It is understood that procedural changes to bring the tribunal into line with the courts, including opening hearings to the public, have been tabled and should take effect from November, when a statutory instrument comes into efffect.

Susan Elson, clerk to the tribunal, would not discuss the matter, saying: "We are making a number of procedural changes and the tribunal proposes to announce these when they come into force." But it is believed that a majority of the 25-member tribunal, which has opposed it in the past, now favours the reform.

Tories plan rebellion over train fare rises

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East's under-funded services, claim they are confident of embarrassing the government over the privatisation of rail unless it makes major concessions. In particular, they are pleged to fight Mr MacGregor over his determination to overturn the Lords amendment allowing British Rail to bid for some of the franchises.

Last night, Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, Kent, said: "If Mr MacGregor approved these fare rises there would be a political storm. They would be confronted with big hurdles. They are unacceptable." Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton Kemptown, also spoke of a huge rebellion from heartland Tories.

Frightened by the defeat in the Christchuch by-election where the death of Robert Adley, an arch critic of the programme, led to the Liberals overturning a 23,000 majority, the Tory rebels are now determined to fight John MacGregor "head on" over the privatisation plans. Although Mr MacGregor claims his department has received scores of inquiries for franchises, most are thought to be from BR management buy-out teams. According to one BR source, no serious "outside" approach has yet been made, even for InterCity's London to Gatwick express, one of the "jewels" in British Rail's crown.

Critics of privatisation claimed yesterday the proposed fare increases had been leaked to put pressure on Mr MacGregor to increase government aid during the transition to privatisation.

CORRECTION

In the Listener Crossword grid in *The Times Magazine* on Saturday, the central six-by-six square should have been differently shaded. We apologise to solvers for the omission.

ANNOUNCING AN INDIAN TEA PROMOTION AT HARRODS. (ANOTHER EVENT THIS SUMMER WHERE IT WILL DEFINITELY BE POURING).



Even if we don't enjoy an Indian Summer this year, we will certainly be enjoying a lot of Indian Tea. Because from Monday August 23rd to Saturday September 25th, Harrods will be presenting first flush Darjeeling and Assam teas. These are available in 125g wooden chestlets, priced £6·50 and £5·50 respectively. Naturally, we also have pots and pots of other blends, including Harrods orthodox Assam, Breakfast Nilgiri and Empire Blend, priced £3·50 for a 125g caddy. As if this isn't enough to make your cup runneth over, purchase two or more tile design tea caddys, 125g each and you'll receive a free wooden chestlet filled with Harrods tag tea bags. To help you decide which cup of tea is your cup of tea, we're even holding special tea tastings in our new tea section in the Food Halls. So visit Harrods. Whatever the weather's doing, you can be sure the tea will be pouring.

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Sea stops play on wet wicket

TWO teams turned a sandbank seven miles out at sea into a cricket pitch at the weekend before the turning tide stopped play.

Scarweather Sands off the coast of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, is exposed only rarely at exceptionally low tides. On Saturday the 22 players, all wearing whites, arrived by small boats, and a few spectators brought along deckchairs to add to the village green atmosphere. Shore-based spectators tried to follow proceedings through binoculars.

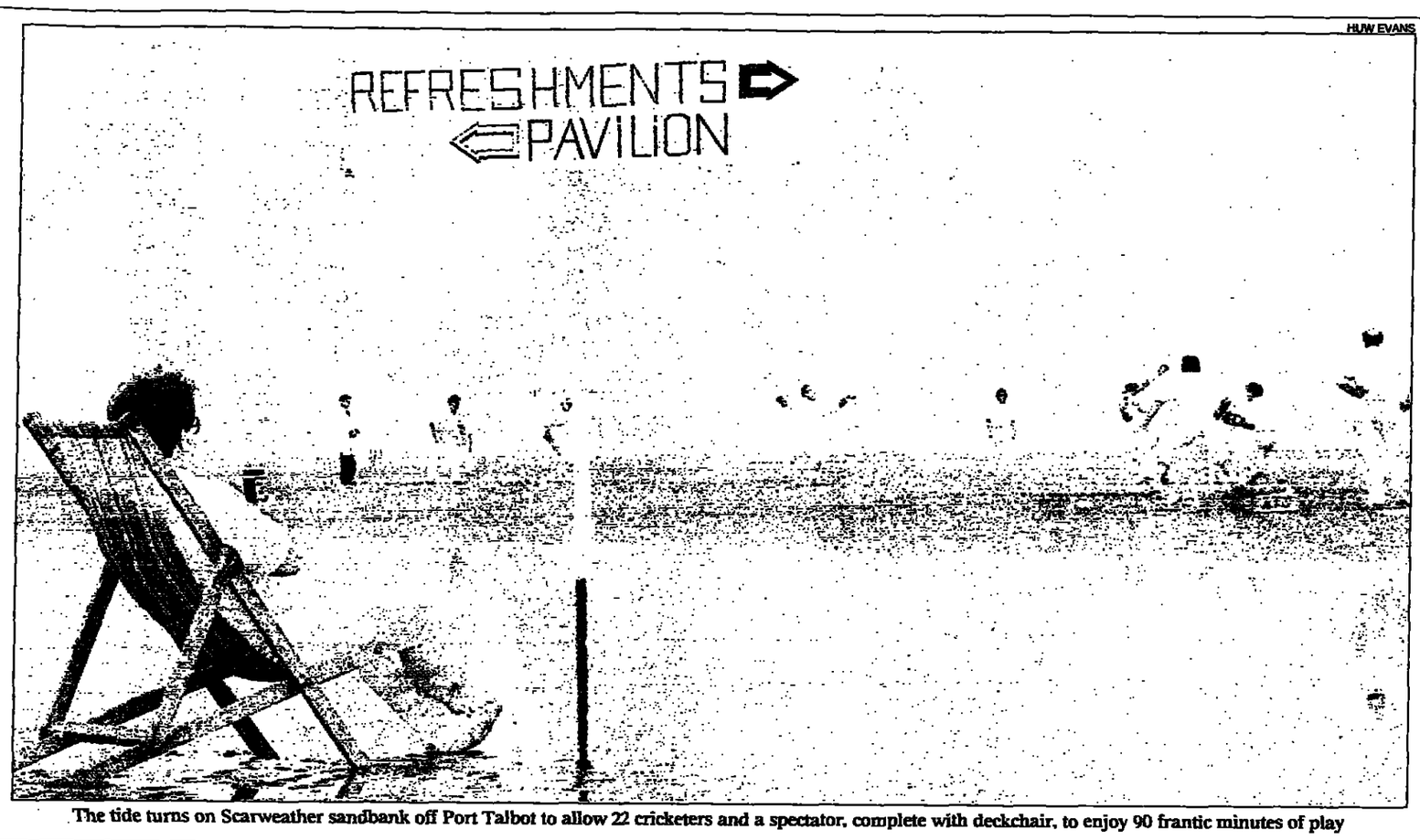
The sea exposed the sandbank for the teams each to have an innings of about 13 overs in 45 minutes on the soggy wicket.

The players, a mixture of cricket enthusiasts and local businessmen, including the mayor of Port Talbot, were helping to raise money for local lifeguards.

Any batsman knocking the ball into the water scored a six but was also declared out.

At the end of the brief match, the cricketers returned to their boats to watch the wicket disappear beneath the waves. It is unlikely to surface again for another five years.

HUW EVANS



The tide turns on Scarweather sandbank off Port Talbot to allow 22 cricketers and a spectator, complete with deckchair, to enjoy 90 frantic minutes of play

Pensioners call for lower TV licence fee

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 250,000 people have signed a petition calling for free or cut-price television licences for pensioners.

The signatures, collected by *Yours*, a magazine for the over-60s, will be addressed to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, in the next few weeks to coincide with the government's review of the licence fee for 1994-96. The petition will be handed to Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, because Mr Brooke has refused to receive it.

The campaign has cross-party support from MPs and peers, including Sir Teddy Taylor, Lord Healey and Paddy Ashdown, as well as leading churchmen, including Lord Soper and the Bishop of Ripon.

Campaigners say that for many pensioners, particularly the house-bound, television is not a luxury but a vital link with the outside world, as well as providing comfort.

Neil Patrick, editor of *Yours*, said he had been overwhelmed by the response to the petition. "We initially thought we might get a respectable 10,000 signatures, but now we are expecting more than 20 times that amount," he said.

Mr Patrick said he would be urging Mr Brooke to consider introducing an automatic reduction in the television licence fee for the elderly. "Pensioners are paying an even greater proportion of their income than working people. It simply is not fair. The licence fee is £83 and yet the weekly state retirement pension for a married couple is only about £90," he said.

Mr Patrick added that many elderly people were concerned about an anomaly. Pensioners in housing association-run sheltered housing benefit from a concessionary £5 television licence. Others of the same age, living next door, pay the full fee because their accommodation is run by a private management company.

The government is due to announce the television licence fee for 1994-96 in October or November, after a report from the consultants Touche Ross on the BBC's finances.

Judge sounds alarm over gangland rise in jury nobbling

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

CRIMINALS are intimidating increasing numbers of people to stop them giving evidence or to change their stories in the witness box, according to one of Britain's senior judges.

Jurors are also being sent warning letters and offered thousands of pounds to secure a not-guilty verdict on serious offences. Criminals set aside an "insurance" fund for "nobbling" purposes, and recruit inmates about to leave prison who offer jurors up to £500 a week for co-operation.

Senior members of the judiciary and police have become so alarmed at the level of intimidation, particularly in relation to armed robbery and drugs offences, that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has set up a committee to look at measures to provide greater protection for witnesses. The committee, headed by Peter Harris, the Official Solicitor, is expected to make recommendations later this year.

Police in Greater Manchester have set up a witness protection scheme, and the Metropolitan police are to put protection for witnesses, juries and informants under the control of one unit.

Mr Justice Potter, the presiding judge on the Northern Circuit, who last year sent a silent witness to prison for three months for contempt of court, has said that witness intimidation has got grown in the past two years.

"Witnesses, particularly those who live in areas of high criminal activity who may have witnessed crimes and given statements to police, are, when faced with giving evidence in court, either finding that they really can't recollect what they'd previously vividly recollected or alternatively simply refuse to answer on the grounds that they have been intimidated," Mr Justice Potter tells BBC1's *Panorama* programme tonight. He says people on council estates and other housing areas are particularly susceptible.

The programme interviews a number of people who have been the subject of attemped intimidation and jury nobbling. Cases include:

☐ A man who witnessed a fatal fight on Tyneside. He says that before the case got to court he suffered intimidation from strangers stopping him in the street and telephone calls to his home in the middle of the night. He was also visited at work by a man who threatened to "kneecap" him. "He opened his jacket up and there was a gun inside. 'You're not going to give evidence, are you?'," the witness says he was told.

☐ A teenage girl who was a witness to an attempted murder by a drugs gang. Her jaw was broken when she was kicked downstairs by three women shortly before the trial opened.

☐ An organised crime trial last year, in which a minor criminal was recruited by defendants to offer jurors up to £500. He followed a juror home and then made a direct approach, giving the person £200 in an envelope. However, the trial was stopped after the juror told another member of the jury what had happened. Supt Albert Kirby, of Merseyside police, tells *Panorama*: "A slush fund of £10,000 had been put together to pay him and any other jurors."

☐ A Tyneside woman juror who received a letter that read: "Don't believe what they say to you. They might say they will protect you but when it is over you'll be forgotten about. That's when you will have to face the music by yourself. You'll even have to move house but I'll find you."

Souvenir mug stocks run low in palace shop

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

VISITORS to Buckingham Palace are being put on rations — one commemorative mug and decorative pill box each — because demand is so high.

The restriction on the two most popular items in the palace gift shop was introduced just two weeks into the two-month open season because souvenir hunters are snapping them up faster than manufacturers can supply them. With up to 400,000 people expected to visit the palace this summer, *The Times* predicted on the day it opened that the souvenir shop was likely to run out of most goods early. Most of the companies making souvenirs received commissions less than 12 weeks before they were due to supply them.

The director of media affairs for the Royal Collection Trust, Mr Dickie Arbiter, yesterday confirmed the £10 mugs and £8 pill boxes were being rationed. He rejected criticism that poor organisation was to blame.

The rationing did not go down well with tourists yesterday. Camilla Russel, 40, from Beckenham, Kent, said she had strict instructions to buy three mugs. "One was for my mum and the others for my daughters. They are going to be disappointed."

Universities open all hours to ease demand for places

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY admissions tutors were working overtime yesterday to cope with a record A-level rush, as new figures confirmed the impact of a continuing squeeze on campus budgets.

Many admissions offices remained open throughout the weekend to field enquiries from applicants trying to beat their rivals to the remaining places on arts and social sciences degrees. Hundreds of courses will still have vacancies when the official clearing process begins on Wednesday, but most will be in science and technology.

Staff reported brisk business on helplines yesterday, many operating a weekend service for the first time. The national picture was patchy, with some traditional universities reporting vacancies even in the arts and social sciences, in contrast to some of the former polytechnics.

Admissions officers expect the squeeze to worsen next year if they have to compensate for over-recruitment in the current round. Universities and colleges will not be funded for recruitment beyond their 1992 intake, but are obliged to honour all offers.

John Patten, the education secretary, will face immediate pressure on his return to work today to relax the restrictions and find a new source of funding for higher education. Vice-chancellors are canvassing four options to raise extra money from students, three involving loans and one based on a graduate tax.

Official statistics published today will fuel the universities' argument that present funding levels are leading to a decline in the service they can provide. The traditional universities' financial position improved in 1991-2, but the switch came at the expense of larger classes.

In four years beginning in 1987-8, the number of students per member of staff in arts subjects rose from 12.6 to 16.1. Throughout the traditional universities, the ratio rose from 10.7 to 13.1, and the increase for the new universities is certain to be greater.

☐ The Welsh Joint Education Committee yesterday blamed a computer blunder for wrongly awarding A grades to all 84 students who sat a Welsh for Adults A-level examination.

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Veteran leads the field running for fun

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SHE is an inspiration to everyone who runs, from Olympic champion to gentle jogger. At 71, and a world marathon record holder in her age group, José Waller will be one of the most familiar faces at the Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run in Hyde Park on Sunday, September 26.

The two-and-a-half-mile run, one of the most popular British sporting events of the year, will serve as a preparatory race for Mrs Waller for the World Veterans Championships in Japan in October. However, she would have made the journey from her home in Devon even if she had not had an important event in sight.

"It is such a delightful atmosphere, with all the camaraderie and companionship," Mrs Waller said. "The distance is not too far for everyone to have a go and it becomes a real family occasion."

The run gives her some sharp speed work for the severity of world championships, although she will be running alongside the fat, the thin, the muscular and the weak in an event that caters for all sizes and all abilities.

Mrs Waller received an award for her success in the 1987 fun run from Emil Zatopek, the great Czech postwar Olympic champion, only five years after she began running at the age of 62. Like many people of that age, she had initial difficulty even reaching the second lamp-post after she had turned out of her front door.



Waller: "It is such a delightful atmosphere"

"I was completely exhausted. My son, who was competing in athletics, was not keen at the start. But when he saw how determined I was, he gave me excellent advice, telling me to alternate walking and running. It was still a long time before I was able to run five miles."

She added: "There is a little thing inside me, which has always said, 'Persevere gently,' and I continued training. I've always listened to my body rather than to passers-by who shout things like, 'Come on, gran.' If my body tells me I am overdoing the training, I have a rest day."

This is a sound policy for anyone who is using the fun run next month as a stepping stone to the 1991 NutraSweet London Marathon. Mrs Waller was encouraged to attempt the marathon when she manned a feeding station in the 1985 race and saw women such as Madge Sharples, a celebrated figure in the early events, complete the distance.

Mrs Waller ran four hours, 18 minutes, 47 seconds at her first attempt; three hours, 46 minutes, 25 seconds for a British record in 1987; and by 1988 was down to three hours, 35 minutes, 49 seconds for an age-group world record.

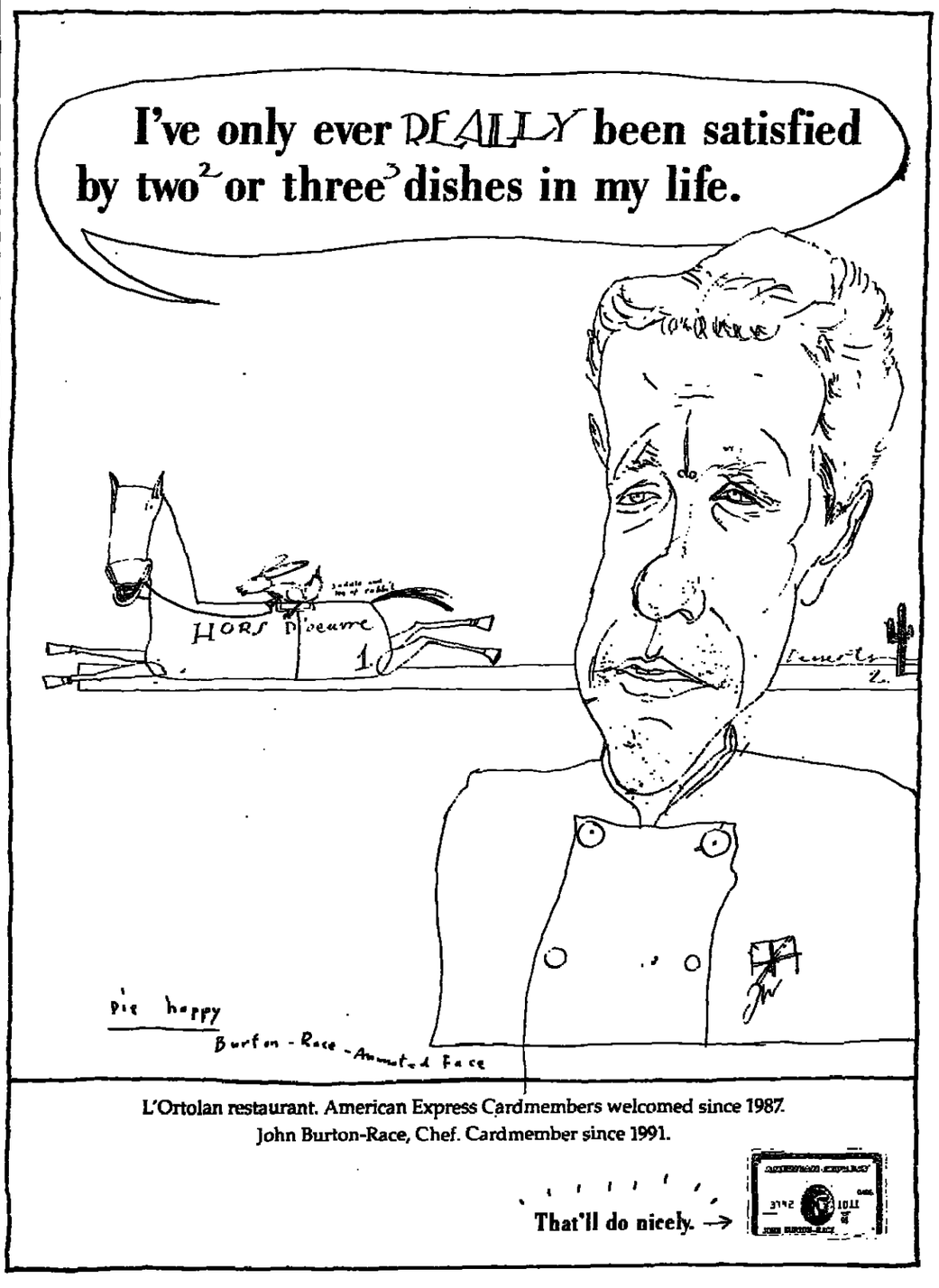
This year, she has run three hours, 49 minutes, 2 seconds, based on a training schedule of almost 50 miles a week.

What could she have done if she had started running in her youth? "I believe I would probably have achieved something, but I also probably would have been a burnt-out case."

Instead, she is a celebrated figure with her club, the Teignbridge Trotters. At the World Veterans Championships, in October, she has entered the 1500 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and the marathon.

☐ *Forms for the Reebok/The Times National Fun Run can be obtained from PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope of around nine inches by four inches. Closing date is September 13.*

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Families fear court reversal in Lockerbie damages case

By Jamie Dettmer

RELATIVES of Pan Am passengers killed in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing fear that their four-year fight to secure compensation from the airline is heading for a serious legal setback in the United States.

Pan Am lawyers are confident they are on the brink of overturning on appeal last year's US district court ruling which found the airline guilty of negligence and wilful misconduct in its handling of baggage security at Frankfurt airport. The court's decision was greeted with relief by the Lockerbie families, who believed it would pave the way to a speedy settlement of their compensation claims. The bombing killed 259 passengers and crew.

If the airline succeeds in the US Court of Appeal in New York, the families will be forced to return to a district court for a retrial of their original £463 million compensation case, a process that could take up to two years to complete.

Yesterday, Jim Swire, a doctor from Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, whose daughter Flora died in the bombing, said it seemed "very likely" that the three-judge Court of Appeal, which is now considering confidential submissions from both parties, would rule in the airline's favour later this year.

"I am appalled by the prospect. Most of us have received no compensation at all. While the court battle has gone on, there has been an increase in the number of stress-related deaths and stress-induced illnesses among the relatives," he said.

James Kreindler, one of the American lawyers representing the relatives, said last night: "We expect a decision in early autumn. We are still cautiously confident of victory, but you can never predict the outcome of cases. If we do lose, then it will put us back two years."

According to yesterday's *Scotland on Sunday* newspaper, Pan Am's legal team has argued in its submission to the appeal court that crucial evidence which would have cleared the airline of legal responsibility for the bombing of its Frankfurt-to-New York flight 103 was wrongly excluded by the district court judge.

Much of this evidence revolves around the airline's luggage screening programme. In 1988, Pan Am moved away from a US government-approved system of matching bags and passengers. Lawyers for the Lockerbie families argued that this change was part of a cost-cutting exercise and compromised passenger safety. The district court judge excluded evidence that the airline had received permission from the US Federal Aviation Administration to alter its screening system.

Pan Am's lawyers have also argued that the district court judge should have dismissed as hearsay the testimony of a Scottish police officer, Det Con Derek Henderson, who claimed during the trial that the radio-cassette bomb which detonated on board the flight was in an unaccompanied suitcase. They say that PC Henderson's evidence is "based on multiple layers of hearsay" as he was not involved in the luggage-handling and screening operations at Frankfurt airport or at Heathrow, where the flight stopped over.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Francesca Collin of Christie's admires a doll discovered on BBC Television's *Antiques Roadshow*, which is to be auctioned for an estimated £18,000 in London (John Shaw writes).

The doll called Sophie was a gift from Queen Victoria to an Indian princess and was later given to the princess's goddaughter, Drovna Oxley, of Narberth, Dyfed. Sophie was made by Francois Gaultier in France in the 1870s and has a painted porcelain face and real hair which is plaited.

Costume historians will be attracted by her extensive wardrobe of day and evening wear, jewellery, opera glasses, shoes and accessories complete with valise. Hilary Kay, a toy specialist at Sotheby's, identified the doll when the roadshow visited Pembroke last November. The auction is on September 23.

Mrs Oxley, who runs the village shop, said she was sad to sell the heirloom. "I am heartbroken because she has been in the family for so long. But her clothes need expert attention as the silk is delicate, and she would be expensive to insure." Mrs Oxley was nine when she was given the doll and was allowed to play with it only occasionally. It was named after Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, daughter of a Sikh maharajah who was a ward of Queen Victoria.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman, 60, fights off gunman

A woman aged 60 fought and disarmed a masked gunman when he tried to rob a jewellery shop.

The woman, who has not been named, grabbed the gun when the man burst into the shop in Bradford and was cut on the hand when she wrestled the knife from him.

The man was pushed out into the street where he was caught by another worker at the shop and a passer-by. A 35-year-old man is due to appear before magistrates today.

Rapist hunted

A girl aged 15 was raped by a man who grabbed her from a busy street in Saltley, Birmingham, in daylight and dragged her into an alleyway. Police said: "The girl put up a real struggle but she is just 5ft 2in and this monster was 6ft. He was too powerful for her."

Twins shot

Gerrard McNulty, 22, a soldier on home leave, was poorly but stable in hospital after he and his twin brother were shot after an argument outside a club in Heywood, Greater Manchester. Neil McNulty was not seriously hurt. The gunman ran off.

Ferry rampage

Eight men were being held after members of a stag party allegedly assaulted a woman and caused more than £3,000 damage on a ferry from Harwich to the Hook of Holland.

Birds drown

Two men who fell asleep while waiting to liberate competition pigeons by the river Annan, Dumfries and Galloway, awoke to find the tide had come in and 120 had drowned.

Women held

Police were questioning four women after Hazel Pugh, 39, of Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, broke her skull in a fight at a pub. She was critically ill last night.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bonds draw are: £100,000, number 32AK 853216, winner from Middlesex (value of holding, £5,000); £50,000, 21XL 506503, Essex (£1,870); £25,000, 13SF 500315, overseas, (£10,000).

RAF chief predicts private contracts will cost jobs

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

NEW "value for money" measures imposed on the three armed forces, which will place servicemen's jobs in direct competition with private contractors, could mean heavier manpower cuts over the next few years, a service chief said yesterday.

The three services are already in the process of reducing manpower significantly in accordance with the government's Options for Change defence programme. The Royal Navy and RAF have been hit by a second round of cuts, forced by the Treasury's decision to slice another £1 billion off the defence budget.

Now there are fears that manpower levels will have to drop even further because of a drive by the Ministry of Defence to "market test" many of the services' support facilities against outside contractors.

The cost of support services, such as transport repair, maintenance and catering at bases, is being evaluated to see if the work can be done more cheaply either by ministry-employed civilians or by private companies. The services will have to compete for the work they now do by right.

Yesterday, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, chief of the air staff, said he hoped that in the RAF's case, his service would win some of the contracts. "But it's hard to believe it will not mean that we have to release more personnel," he said.

The market testing programme, which has imposed tough cost-cutting targets on the armed forces, has been introduced on top of another efficiency scheme that was already supposed to encourage service chiefs to find alternative and cheaper ways of carrying out basic support duties. Under the "new management strategy", commanders in the three services have been given responsibility for their own budgets and have the power to switch work to private contractors if they believe they offer better value for money.

Sir Michael said, in an interview with *The Times*, that the new market testing scheme could lead to "a vicious circle". The RAF could find it had more people than it needed once private contractors took over some of the jobs. This would mean having to pay out yet more money to redundant service personnel.

A special fund of £1.5 billion was set aside by the defence ministry for redundancy payments to personnel from all three services. However, this "transition money" has already been fully accounted for and the fund closes on April 1, 1995, by which time the Options reductions will have been completed.

Any further manpower reductions caused by new Treasury cuts or by the market testing programme will have to be paid for by the individual services.

RAF chiefs are now in the process of market testing a number of support services which have been valued at £270 million. If the work proves to be cheaper in the hands of private contractors, further redundancies are expected.

£80m rush fuels holiday war

By Harvey Elliott, Travel Correspondent

ALMOST 250,000 package holidays costing more than £80 million were sold in 48 hours by one tour operator at the weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, the first days that brochures offering holidays for the summer peak of 1994 appeared on travel agents' shelves, Thomson, the market leader, took well over 230,000 bookings compared with 41,000 during the same two-day period last year.

The company, which was the first big tour operator to make its brochures available, believes that a combination of improved confidence that the recession is over, a High Street price "war" between travel agents and generally poor weather in Britain this summer has convinced families to book their holidays even before the end of this year's season.

"This is easily the biggest surge we have ever seen," Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, said. "We sold as many holidays on Friday and Saturday as we sold in an entire month when the brochures were launched last year and even more than we did in the real boom of 1987 and 1988."

Thomson claims to have cut the average price of holidays next year by 6 per cent, with Spain the favourite destination among early bookers at the weekend, selling at 10 per cent below this summer's rates.

The big savings have come through the leading travel agency chains who are now involved in a bitter fight for market leadership, and have sacrificed their 10 per cent commission to compete. They are having to rely instead on selling holiday insurance at a high premium and at a healthy commission to make any profit.

"It is difficult to see how they can keep this up," Mr Newbold said. "To offer 10 per cent off the price of any holiday booked through them now means that they are not getting any commission at all."

Park kidnap foiled

By Helen Nowicka

AN ATTEMPT to kidnap a three-year-old boy as he played in a park was foiled by his 11-year-old cousin, police said yesterday.

Scotland Yard said the older boy had been playing on swings when he saw a stranger pick up his cousin and place a hand over the boy's mouth. The man, in his early 20s and of Asian appearance, then attempted to leave Beaversfield Park in Hounslow, west London, still carrying the child. When the older boy realised what was happening, he shouted at the man who dropped the infant and ran away.

Det Con Peter Scriven, of Hounslow CID, said the kidnap attempt on Friday evening was probably sexually motivated. "God knows what would have happened if he hadn't intervened," he said.

The failed abduction was disclosed on the day that *Police Review* magazine disclosed that nearly 15 per cent of teenagers questioned for a police survey had been followed by a stranger.

Jaguar plays safe with twin airbags

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

THE car judged the safest in Britain is to become even safer. Jaguar will announce today that its XJ6 saloons are to be fitted with airbags to protect front seat passengers as well as drivers.

The new airbag will be fitted instead of a glovebox and will inflate on crash impact, cushioning the passenger's body.

The XJ6 was found to be the safest car on the road in a survey by the transport department, which measured the number of people injured in road accidents. Current cars already have a driver's airbag, one of the features thought to have helped the luxury car company to win its top safety rating.

In tests of 90 models, the transport department discovered that a driver in a Citroen 2CV was more than three times more likely to die in a crash than the driver of a Jaguar XJ6. The injury rating for the Citroen was 83 per cent in a two-car crash, while the XJ6 was 28 per cent.

The addition of the airbag is one of a number of features which now put the British-made luxury Jaguar saloons and sports cars among the safest in the world. Other standard fittings include anti-lock brakes with skid sensors, a gearshift interlock which prevents mistakes in selecting gears on automatic transmissions, side impact beams, collapsible steering columns and an inertia cut-off for the fuel system to prevent petrol escaping in the event of a crash, which could cause a fire or explosion.

Engineers have also fitted the battery in the boot, well away from the engine, and the fuel tank is isolated from the passenger cabin by a steel bulkhead.

Jaguar engineers will show off the latest improvements at the Frankfurt Motor Show early next month.

Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, said: "Jaguar is committed to meeting the safety needs and expectations of our customers. Standardising passenger side airbags and gearshift interlock exemplify Jaguar's policy of continuous improvement in the field of vehicle safety engineering."

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Explorers hope to unlock secrets of a final frontier in the spirit of Everest's first conquerors

British pilot plots seven-mile flight to Pacific seabed

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IN SAN Francisco Bay, a British engineer is putting the finishing touches to plans for a deep-sea expedition that echoes Hillary's assault on Everest 40 years ago.

Rather than scale the heights of the Himalayas, Graham Hawkes hopes to build and pilot a craft to the floor of the Challenger Deep, nearly seven miles below the surface of the Pacific.

The chasm, off the island of Guam, has been visited only once, in 1960, by the US bathyscape *Trieste*. The craft began cracking up because of the pressure and the crew, Don Walsh, a navy lieutenant, and Jacques Piccard, a Swiss explorer, stayed down for only 20 minutes.

The latest exploration, named the Ocean Everest Expedition, will use a craft that flies like an aeroplane and should be able to stay on the bottom for about four hours, giving time for the first extensive research to be carried out.

The motivation is not just the challenge but a belief that man's failure to explore the oceans has been a serious oversight.

It is thought that clues to climate changes, regulation of the weather and the origins of life may be found many thousands of fathoms beneath the waves. More money and effort, however, has been spent on the exploration of space.

"It is amazing that we have plans to go to Mars but cannot go seven miles beneath the oceans," Sylvia Earle, founder of Deep Ocean Engineering, which is involved in the project, said. She was formerly chief scientist at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, a US government agency.

Deep Flight 2, the name of the proposed craft, is intended to end that anomaly. Designers hope to produce a craft that can withstand and remain at such depths and can be deployed simply and cheaply.

In another project, Japanese researchers, backed by a quasi-governmental organisation called Japan Marine Science and Technology Centre and companies including Mitsubishi and Kawasaki, plan to lower a $50 million robot named Kaiko into the chasm, which is part of an area known as the Mariana Trench. The launch is expected at the end of the summer.

Mr Hawkes, from Tooting, southwest London, claims that the Japanese approach is old-fashioned, however. A traditional submersible would take about six hours to travel to the ocean floor via gravity.

Mr Hawkes, 46, formerly with Plessey and founder of Offshore Submersions of Great Yarmouth, Suffolk, expects to make the trip down in an hour by "flying" at speeds of up to 15 knots.

The Japanese craft requires a 400ft long, specially equipped mother ship with a three-storey winch, Mr Hawkes claims. *Deep Flight 2*, which will be 18ft long with a 9ft wingspan, could be deployed from almost any ocean-going vessel, increasing the opportunities for scientists to launch missions.

It will be built with the latest in advanced ceramics developed by the US Navy to withstand the pressure of 16,000 pounds per square inch found at these depths. The hull will be fully pressurised so that the crew will not need to wear special suits.

Before launching the mission the team, which is based at Hawkes Associates in Point Richmond, California, plans to test the design and the technology, using two prototypes.

Next year, the teams intends to test *Deep Flight 1*, which will be able to go to depths of about 4,000ft, off the coast of the Bahamas. An unmanned craft, called *Jules Verne Explorer*, is on the drawing board and the team hopes to send it into the Mariana Trench next spring.

The second prototype will be bristling with cameras and instruments and will test the strength of light-weight ceramic hulls.

It will use a fibre-optic cable no thicker than a guitar string to send data and pictures to the surface. The cable, up to twelve and a half miles long, will unravel from the craft's belly.

By combining the experience and technologies of *Deep Flight 1* with *Jules Verne Explorer*, the team hopes to have the $10 million *Deep Flight 2* ready for launch in 1996.

What life they will find in the pitch black world of the Challenger Deep is unknown. They may discover new species of fish, animals and plants. Once, scientists thought that no life could exist so far below the surface, but this has been challenged by recent research.

Dr Earle said: "I would be astonished if we find no life at all ... we have recently discovered ocean vents on the bed which, despite the high temperatures and heavy metals, are crawling with life."



Loophole undermines future of coastal flora and fauna

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL and plant life in the seas round the coast of England are at risk from human activity because they fall outside the protection of existing conservation regulations, according to a report published today.

Less than 1 per cent of the 1,930 square miles of inshore seabed identified as being of especial interest is covered by wildlife legislation, English Nature, the government's chief adviser on conservation in England, says.

The agency has compiled a list of 27 sensitive marine areas, from Holy Island and the Farnes in the northeast, to the Scilly Isles in the southwest, which it considers to be in urgent need of protection against over-exploitation.

Dan Laffoley, head of the agency's marine task force, said: "The statutory protection provided by the 'site of special scientific interest' designation applies only down to the low-water line. We need to recognise the importance for plant and animal life of sub-tidal areas."

Although some of these areas could eventually be protected by measures proposed under the European Community's habitats and species directive, none of those were likely to take effect before the end of the century, Dr Laffoley said. "In the meantime, and to support the legislation when it comes into force, we are proposing a series of joint actions now by those who use and enjoy these sites, using voluntary measures backed up by existing regulatory controls."

The agency wants research into the effect of water pollution on marine wildlife and agreements to limit fishing, shipping and recreational activities. It also favours the development of voluntary marine nature reserves supported by government grants. Among the 27 sites listed by the agency are the Colne and Blackwater estuaries in Essex, which are particularly valuable for their salt marsh plants and colonies of breeding seals; Lyme Bay in Dorset, which has large areas of sea fan, a form of coral; and the Severn estuary, which attracts large numbers of migratory fish, including salmon, sea trout and eel.

Other sites in need of better protection are:
Maw Wyke Hole to Beast Cliff in North Yorkshire; Flamborough Head, Humberside; The Wash and North Norfolk; Orford Ness in Suffolk; Thanet; Seven Sisters, East Sussex; the Solent and the Isle of Wight; Poole Bay, Isle of Purbeck, Portland and Fleet, Dorset; Torbay to the Dart estuary, Bolt Tail to Slapton, including Salcombe estuary, Plymouth Sound, and the Yealm, Devon; Tamar, Dodman Point to the Lizard, St Ives Bay, Trevose Head to Boscastle, including the Camel estuary, Cornwall; Ilfracombe to Combe Martin, and Lundy, north Devon; Dee estuary and Wirral coast; Morecambe Bay and Lune Deep; the Cumbrian coast; Solway.

☐ *Managing England's Marine Wildlife* (The Marine Task Force, English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA)

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

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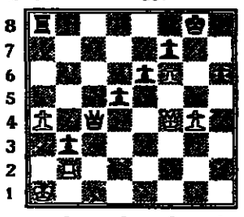
Lloyds Bank Masters

THE Lloyds Bank tournament, founded in 1977, is the strongest open in the capital. In 1987 there was a surprise winner in the American international master Michael Wilder, who beat a host of grandmasters.

White: John Nunn
Black: Michael Wilder
Lloyds Bank Masters 1987

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Bf4	Bd7
10	Nxc6	Bxc6
11	Qe1	Be7
12	h4	Qc7
13	f3	b5
14	Kb1	b4
15	Ne2	0-0
16	Nd4	Bb7
17	Bd2	d5
18	e5	Nd7
19	f4	a5
20	Bb5	Ba6
21	Bxd7	Qxd7
22	g4	Bc5
23	Be3	Rfc8
24	Rh2	a4
25	b3	Bf8
26	f5	axb3
27	cxb3	Rc3
28	Rhd2	Bc5
29	f6	Qa7
30	Qf2	Rxb3+
31	Nxb3	Bxe3
32	Qg2	Bxd2
33	Qxd2	Bd3+
34	Ka1	Bc4
35	Rb1	Qc7
36	Qe3	gxf6
37	exf6	Qh2
38	Rb2	Qxh4
39	Qf4	Bxb3
40	Rxb3	Qe1+
41	Rb1	Qc3+
42	Rb2	b3
43	a4	Qc4



a b c d e f g h

White resigns

Most of the favourites in this year's tournament, including Michael Adams, Jon Speelman and John Nunn, won their first-round games. The surprises were Philip Rossiter, who defeated the Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers, and Gulnar Sachs, who drew with the former British champion Tony Miles. Mrs Sachs, the former women's champion of Kazakhstan, has married the English player John Sachs. She is the highest rated female player in Britain and a possible useful addition to the English team.

Reader's game

Times reader Mr S. Hawes (who beat me in a club game about 30 years ago) has submitted the following interesting encounter from his local club championship.

White: M. Gillings
Black: S. Hawes
Horsham Club Ch 1992

Philidor Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	Nd7
4	Nc3	c6
5	a4	h5
6	a5	a6
7	Bc4	Ngf6
8	h3	Be7
9	Ba2	Nh7
10	Be3	Bf6
11	Qd3	Ng5
12	Nd2	exd4
13	Bxd4	Ne5
14	Qe2	Ne6
15	Bb6	Qe7
16	0-0	Nf4
17	Qe3	Bg5
18	Qe1	Nxh3+
19	Kh1	Bxd2
20	Qxd2	Qh4
21	f4	Nf2+
22	Kg1	Nh3+

White resigns

Chess at the Barbican

Barbican Chess Club meets every Monday and Thursday at 6pm. Events include the 9th Barbican Open Chess Congress, Sept 3-5; and the European Chess Club Cup Championship, Sept 17-19.

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Tories must confront a painful paradox

Lord Beloff argues that the burdens of office prevent Tory leaders from making the changes necessary to return them to favour

The Times Essay

By-election losses and a low standing in the polls have produced demands that the Conservative party should embark on a big process of self-renewal. Men and measures alike should, it is held, come up for scrutiny. The difficulty for a governing party to perform such a task may be underestimated. Self-examination is normally an activity of parties in opposition.

The long period spent in the wilderness by the Whigs was the prelude to the First Reform Act of 1832 and the subsequent decade of reform. The Liberal eclipse in the period of the Salisbury and Balfour governments was the prelude to the massive changes brought about after the party's triumph in 1906. On the Conservative side, Disraeli's conversion of the rump of protectionist squires after the Peelite split, over a period of nearly three decades, into the powerful instrument of government which he commanded from 1874, has evoked the admiration of generations of historians. Experience would suggest that it is the Labour party which should now, after 14 years in opposition, be charged with a new reforming zeal and living in the expectation of power.

What, then, are the obstacles to the Conservative party doing what is demanded of it? Whereas in opposition a party's leadership can enjoy the leisure to think, a party whose leaders are all ministers has no such opportunity. Ministers are bound to be concerned with the conduct of day-to-day business. The increasing frequency of inter-ministerial meetings at the international level — the dreadful Brussels shuttle — has added an additional burden which is too often overlooked.

Nor if ministers wished to look up from the in-tray and the boxes and examine wider horizons would they be able to do so. As made so clear in the *Alan Clark Diaries*, the "private office" makes it its business to keep the minister's attention on what the civil servants deem to be important, and to fill his time with engagements which prevent him making contacts with the non-Whitehall world which might engender original thought. Because of the curious British habit of regular ministerial "reshuffles", few ministers remain in a department long enough to exercise independent judgment.

The British case is also special in that two departments dominate the scene; and the influence of both has been negative. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has pursued a policy favourable to European integration which has no resonance among the majority of the electorate. The Treasury knows nothing and meddles in everything so that, for instance, our armed forces are subject to material and moral "overstretch" because of the intellectual understretch of some Treasury clerk.

Ministers cannot profit much from the activity of non-party institutions — "think-tanks". Think-tanks can be important in bringing about a change in broad public perceptions. The early Fabians, through their policy of "permeation", helped to make collectivism respectable. In their day the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Centre for Policy Studies undoubtedly helped to make collectivism unrespectable again. But think-tanks rarely flourish after the departure of the founding generation, and lack the access to information which the civil service can bring to bear.

The Conservative party must therefore now create its own instrument of enquiry and policy formation. The first thing to do is to remove the Conservative research department from Central Office and set it up on its own under a chairman whose standing in the party is unquestioned, and who can speak with ministers as an equal, and with a director of proved competence in the organisation of research. Central Office has quite enough to do with strengthening the party's organisation and finances and, above all, with improving the calibre of its candidates.

But before prescription there must be diagnosis. The immediate task of researchers would be to examine the reasons for the party's seeming plight.

Some things will no doubt at once strike the enquirers. Why has a Conservative government lost so much ground with institutions and professions which might be thought to be its natural supporters, and which not only form an important voting block in themselves but also are looked at for leadership in the wider community? Why is a Conservative Lord Chancellor at odds with much of the legal profession? Why have successive education secretaries found it impossible to carry with them the vice-chancellors, headmasters and teachers? Why has the medical profession been so hard to enlist in favour of the government's health reforms? Why have the armed forces lost confidence in successive defence secretaries? One presumes it is a conviction that their political masters will not stand up for them against the follies of the Treasury.

The objectives themselves are popular — all Conservatives (indeed most citizens) want speedier and cheaper justice, a better educated population, a more efficient health care system and reasonable economy in defence. What, then, has gone wrong?

Of even greater electoral significance is the disaffection of much of small and medium-sized business — including farmers and fishermen — and of those to whom they give employment. It is in relation to the small business that the Maastricht affair has done the most damage. The debate served to focus people's minds on the fact that the regulations under which business suffers, and the additional financial burdens of the common agricultural policy and the EC budget, were the products of the Treaty of Rome itself. The message has got through that it makes a real difference whether the laws one obeys are the product of one's own Parliament, and interpreted by one's own courts of law, or forced upon one by foreign institutions.

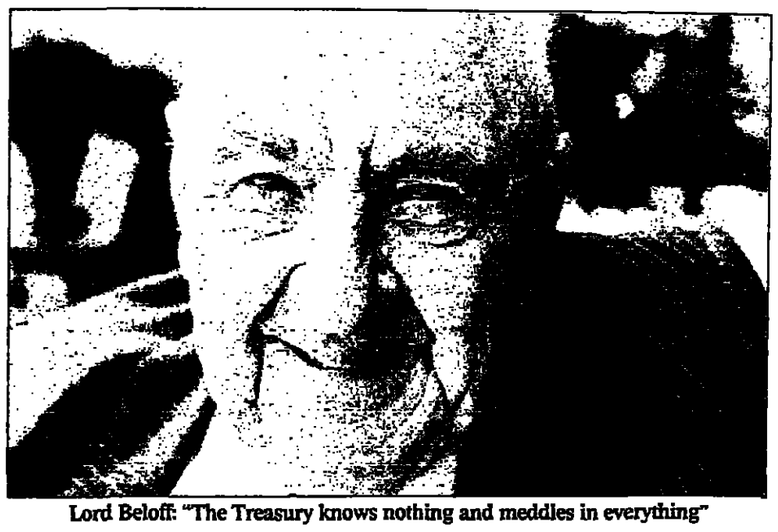
The enquiry will have to examine the painful paradox that while most Conservative MPs were prepared to vote for Maastricht, the minority of parliamentary dissidents represented a majority of potential Conservative voters. Of course, division is itself a weakness for any party, but such a gap between the party at Westminster and the party in the country is, on any principal issue of policy, unique in British experience.

For most of this century, the Conservative party has been seen to be the party of "business". But one has the impression that when the government quotes business support for policies such as those embodied in Maastricht what they are referring to are the panjandrums of the City and the Confederation of British Industry, whose outlook is quite different from that of those striving to make a living across the country at large.

Finally, and crucially, there is the question of the availability and cost of public services, which is perhaps where the ordinary voter is most concerned. It is worth looking into the whole idea that deficiencies can be met by the plethora of "charters" — if the services are not there, a charter does not help to produce them.

And where the provision of services itself is concerned, who but a Treasury economist would argue that a country with nearly three million unemployed and much underused capacity cannot, without risking inflation, afford to develop its infrastructure and to man its services? Why the economy has been so badly run is a question that takes one into deeper waters — but this enquiry must be undertaken if the party is to see its way through to success.

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Lord Beloff: "The Treasury knows nothing and meddles in everything"

PRIME MOVERS OF POLITICS

THE squabbling over board order would be endless, but if you could persuade them to stop talking and start playing, politicians would have a good team.

Andrew Bonar Law was easily the best player among British prime ministers. In its obituary, the *British Chess Magazine* described him as "an attacking player full of resource". The Marquess of Rockingham, Sir Robert Peel, the younger Pitt, Gladstone, Disraeli, Balfour, Asquith, Churchill and Attlee all played. Campbell-Bannerman called chess "not a game, but a disease". John Major was taught by his father.

Churchill is one of the great might-have-beens of chess. By the time he was 21 he was showing signs of addiction. Other distractions occupied him and he never fulfilled his early promise. The only later record we have is of a game with Asquith before which he gave vent to his battle cry: "Marshal your Baldwins!" (Churchillian slang for pawns).

Lenin, like Marx, was a keen player, but a bad loser. He did not play much after the Russian revolution, but was preoccupied with correspondence chess while in exile.

Tito learnt chess as a boy and rose to Yugoslav candidate master standard. When the Russians queried his prowess at chess, he offered to take on the whole Soviet presidium. Nothing further was heard.

For coolness under fire, a special mention for the former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin. When Russian soldiers burst into his house to arrest him in 1940, he shouted back to his wife, with whom he was playing chess: "I resign! I resign!"

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber; £10.99)

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Doctor attests to 'end of Western civilisation' as Croats deny aid convoys access

Starving Muslims of Mostar face death within days

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
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IN SARAJEVO

■ The horror of Mostar has prompted fresh pleas by aid workers for international pressure on those laying siege to the city and heightened UN fears for the population

PEOPLE trapped in the Bosnian city of Mostar will begin dying of starvation within days because Bosnian Croat forces are preventing food convoys reaching 55,000 besieged Muslims, the United Nations said yesterday.

"This is the end of the world, the end of Western civilisation as you can see," said Dr Kenan Arnautovic, a neurosurgeon from Sarajevo who made a dangerous trip to Mostar on foot and by mule to help the makeshift hospital there. Bosnian Croat forces have laid siege to the city since the beginning of June and aid workers yesterday pleaded with the international community to press the Croats to let aid through.

The horror of Mostar emerged as President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said he would not endorse the proposed maps of the country offered in the Geneva peace talks. The leader of the Muslim-dominated government said in Sarajevo that an enlarged Bosnian parliament would meet to discuss the proposed map, probably in Zenica on Friday. In addition to the elected members, the meeting will include cultural figures, important politicians and religious leaders.

In Mostar a small contingent of UN peacekeepers was allowed to deliver medicines to a limited part of the city for three hours at the weekend. The convoy was greeted by cheers and premature tears of relief, but the visit served only to heighten UN alarm at the plight of the Muslims.

Lyndall Sachs, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said: "The population was so desperate that they were not even moved to ask for cigarettes or candy. They only begged for wheat flour. To use food as a weapon and make a civilian population suffer more than it is already suffering in war is beyond the bounds of human comprehension," she said in Sarajevo. "We must apply maximum pressure on Bosnian Croats to lift the siege, through negotiations and through intense international pressure."

The international community faces a dilemma, however, in any move to impose sanctions against Croatia and Bosnian Croat forces. Diplomats privately concede that moving any aid to Muslims is dependent on Croat co-operation. It would also be extremely difficult to blockade Croatia's lengthy coastline.

Croat forces have been fighting Muslim-led Bosnian government troops in the area in a last-ditch effort by both sides to grab land before any peace deal is signed in Geneva. Battles between the two sides raged in central and southern Bosnia yesterday, with the Bosnian army apparently moving reinforcements from the 7th Brigade into positions around Fojnica and to the area around Gornji Vakuf.

Shannon Boyd, chief UN Protective Force spokesman, who was with the Mostar convoy, said there was no electricity or water in the Muslim sector. The only water source was the Neretva river and "whenever people try to get water, they get sniped at".

Ms Boyd said the most pressing medical cases at the makeshift hospital in the Muslim area were a brother and sister, aged eight and nine, who were seriously wounded by a Croat shell. Selma and Mirza Handzar were heavily sedated in a makeshift intensive care unit. Selma's right arm had been amputated, she had serious head wounds and a badly damaged knee. Her brother risks losing a leg after several blood vessels were severed by shrapnel.

America has meanwhile indicated it is unlikely to press for air strikes against Serb forces in Bosnia in the near future. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, wrote to Mr Izetbegovic and the Croat and Serb leaderships urging a negotiated solution to the civil war. The Muslims have tried to slow down the Geneva peace talks in the hope that Washington would lead the international community to intervene in the war. Mr Christopher promised American assistance in the postwar reconstruction of the republic.

Mr Izetbegovic made contradictory statements during an hour-long press conference on his return to the besieged capital from the Geneva peace talks. At times he suggested that the Geneva proposal was unacceptable, and at others he suggested that the government had been awarded a unified Bosnian state.

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Peter Riddell, page 12

BRITAIN is preparing a substantial new medical aid effort for Bosnia amid Liberal Democrat allegations that bureaucracy and administrative difficulties are preventing the delivery of urgently needed supplies to the war zone (Philip Webster writes).

Downing Street is awaiting assessments from the Overseas Development Administration on medical needs, but it is understood that teams of surgeons and nurses will go to besieged cities, including Sarajevo, in the next few weeks.



Cedric Thornberry, Unprofor deputy head, right, unloading medical aid from the first convoy in two months to reach the Muslims in Mostar

Endgame battle rages for shell of a town

Richard Beeston reports from Gornji Vakuf that Muslims and Croats are scrambling for a final advantage in territory before a carve-up of Bosnia

THE first mortar shell landed just short of its intended target, kicking up a ball of crimson dust as it pulverised what was left of a red-tiled roof, some 30ft from our car. The second round may have been better aimed, but the Croat mortar team on the other side of the valley had not anticipated our panicky acceleration into the relative safety of a line of trees.

Once a remote rural community of 25,000 Muslims and Croats, where the only sound of gunfire would have come from hunters in the woods, Gornji Vakuf today has been reduced to the shell of a town, where competing factions are gearing up for a final showdown.

The once busy main street is now deserted and littered with the debris of modern warfare from spent shell cases, to smashed masonry and the hulks of burnt-out cars caught in crossfire. Few, if any, homes have been left untouched by the three weeks of heavy fighting, some of them only lightly damaged by machinegun volleys, but most gutted by fire and in some cases deliberately razed to the ground.

Although media attention in the former Yugoslavia has recently focused on the plight of Sarajevo's sick and injured and the humanitarian crisis unfolding in the southern city of Mostar, Bosnia's generals and politicians have been concentrating their next moves in central Bosnia, where the endgame of the 16-month conflict could well be decided in Gornji Vakuf and other flashpoints in the area.

While Bosnian Serbs are generally thought to have seized and consolidated their hold on territory captured in the early months of the war, Muslims and Croats are now locked in a desperate grab for territory which will ultimately determine the size and shape of their mini-states to be settled when the Geneva peace talks resume on August 30.

"The Muslims have got seven days to gain as much ground as possible and they will almost certainly try something here," said a British peacekeeper serving in Gornji Vakuf, where the British base comes under almost daily fire, some of the fiercest reported this weekend.

Although the Muslims have consistently been the military underdogs in the Bosnian war, they have scored important gains recently in central Bosnia, most notably the capture of the town of Bugojno three weeks ago, and the encirclement of a pocket of 75,000 Croat civilians and refugees in and round Vitez.

The Muslims' victories have left them overstretched on several fronts where they face both Croats and Serbs, but in the current climate of the negotiations, where military victory is being rewarded by political gains, it is unlikely they can hold back.

What is of most concern to UN officers is the apparent redeployment over the weekend of the mainly Muslim Bosnian Army's Seventh Brigade, which was withdrawn from Travnik and, it is assumed, is being prepared for a new offensive farther south. The Croats in preparation have also beefed up their forces with artillery, tanks and even combat troops from the regular Croatian army.

The Croats are determined to hold what they have left in and around the town to protect the strategically important Makljen ridge, the heights which dominate both Muslim and Croat villages and towns for miles around.

The military planners on both sides appear to have neglected, however, the simple fact that there will be little left of the area for any victor once the battle is over.

Corruption claims force out Russian minister

FROM ANNE MCELVOY
IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S foreign trade minister resigned at the weekend as the corruption scandal in government ranks deepened.

Sergei Glazyev, one of the youngest members of President Yeltsin's reform team, claimed that his sudden removal from office was the result of a plot by criminal gangs and denied accusations that his own department was involved in corruption.

Allegations of corruption are now the most serious problem facing Mr Yeltsin. Recent weeks have seen a spiral of tit-for-tat claims between the government and Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, Aleksi Ilyushenko, head of the presidential administration, admitted that Russia was in danger of turning into "a banana republic with coups, corruption and complete lack of co-operation between the branches of power". He hinted at further ministerial sackings.

The foreign trade portfolio which regulates Russian firms exporting oil and precious metals, two of the most profitable and corruption-prone areas of business, is proving a persistent headache for Mr Yeltsin. He sacked Mr Glazyev's predecessor, Pyotr Aven, earlier this year over similar rumours of corruption in the department. The country has lost millions of dollars from illegal exports of oil and metals below world prices.

Mr Glazyev claims that his dismissal was the result of pressure by "mafia bands who feel that their interests are threatened by the ministry's actions", implying that sections of the government are under the influence of criminals.

The corruption rumours are rapidly corroding public faith in the government, and even the special commission set up by Mr Yeltsin to investigate abuse of public office by senior figures is now widely considered as being employed by the presidential team as a mere political lever against its enemies.

Geneva accord rewards Bosnia's warmongers

BY ADAM LEBOR, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

The map of the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia, which Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, says he "cannot recommend" to his parliament at Zenica is a victory for "ethnic cleansing" and seizure of territory by force. It claws back virtually nothing from the Bosnian Serbs and, to a lesser extent, Bosnian Croats, both of whom have carved out their own mini-states with mass expulsion of Muslims.

The accords fairly accurately reflect the gains of 17 months of war — give or take a road here or a tract of land there — and bestow a seal of approval by the United Nations on seizure of territory by force.

The Geneva plan creates a Union of Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of three ethnically based states: one Serb, one Muslim, and one Croat. The union is likely to be short-lived, since any state may leave with the approval of the other two.

The Bosnian Serbs get 52.5 per cent of territory, Croats 17.5 per cent and Muslims 30 per cent. This is a huge victory for Bosnian Serbs and their patron, President Milosevic of Serbia; a satisfactory result for Bosnian Croats; and, a miserable end for the Muslim-led Bosnian government and its dream of a unitary, multi-ethnic state.

However much the international community and Lord Owen, one of the joint chairmen of the peace talks now portraying himself as a defender of the Muslim cause, may deny it, the Geneva accords reward "ethnic cleansing".

The Bosnian Serbs get to keep a swath of northeast Bosnia, where some of the worst human rights abuses took place. But the dictates of diplomacy mean that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader once reviled, is now almost revered as a statesman.

The carve-up also sends a signal to despots the world over that, should they wish to seize their neighbour's territory, directly or by proxy, the response of the international community will be as follows: condemnation, stronger condemnation, possible sanctions and then an invitation to Geneva to consolidate their gains.

In the case of Bosnia, the map of the Geneva accords reduces it to a jigsaw. The Muslim republic comprises three landlocked areas — the Bihac enclave, a wide strip of central Bosnia linked to Gorazde, and the linked enclaves of Zepa and Srebrenica. A corridor links Bihac to central Bosnia.

The details have an Alice in Wonderland quality: Srebrenica and Zepa will be linked to Sarajevo by a road that will be part of the Muslim republic, but the land on either side of the road will be Serbian. Muslims gained a small victory by insuring access to the Sava river at the town of Brcko. But the Muslim republic has no access to the sea. Instead, it will have the use of the port of Ploce in Croatia proper, giving President Tudjman of Croatia, a powerful hold over his Bosnian neighbour.

The final boundary between the Croatian and Muslim republics in central Bosnia will be decided by a UN special representative. Mostar, the capital of the Bosnian Croat mini-state of Herzeg-Bosna, will probably be administered by the European Community. Sarajevo will be demilitarised and administered by the UN for two years, while its future is decided.

Can the Geneva accords work? The answer depends on acceptance and enforcement. The Bosnian Serb and Croat assemblies will probably vote in favour. In Sarajevo the proposals will trigger deep divisions between hardliners, who want to fight on, and pragmatists, who know that each time the Bosnian government appears at the negotiating table they are offered less and less.

After acceptance, comes enforcement: about 40,000 more UN troops would be needed to police the peace. So far the international community, apart from Britain, has not paid the bill for current peace operations. Without the extra troops, the Geneva accords will go the way of all the other plans and the war in Bosnia will be set to erupt again.





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Gore crusade to cut government waste runs into trouble

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Specifications for an ashtray in federal offices — it should not break into more than 35 pieces — have raised laughs on Capitol Hill but added to White House headaches

PRESIDENT Clinton, on holiday at Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts, is trying hard to prove that he can relax after all, demonstrably playing golf and visiting an agricultural exhibition with his daughter, Chelsea. But the political realities of Washington are intruding.

Questions about his leadership style, and the messy issues of health care reform and the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), are weighing heavily on the president's mind.

One of the first issues he needs to tackle is the much-hyped initiative of "reinventing government", a cost-cutting initiative championed by Al Gore, the vice-president, which is in danger of turning into a damp squib. Saving significant money on the waste of the federal government — while popular with the electorate as long as they do not benefit themselves from the waste — was also one of the promises the president made to reluctant congressmen and senators in return for their support last month for his budget.

The so-called National Performance Review, due for release next month, is supposed to come up with a recommendation that could lead to savings of between $6 billion (£4 billion) and $8 billion, but at this stage only optimists would hold out much hope.

In a jocular account of the extent of government waste, the vice-president talked about some outlandish regulations affecting the quality of ashtrays sold to the federal government. This is reminiscent of the scandal surrounding $800 toilet seats sold to the US military during the 1980s.

Mr Gore said that an ashtray is only fit for the government if, once put on a maple plank 44.5 mm thick and hit with a steel punch "point ground to a 60 per cent included angle", it breaks into no more than 35 irregular-shaped pieces. The regulations even specify the nature of the pieces, which must be "6.4 mm or more, on any three of its adjacent edges". Many other aspect of government procurement and of government personnel management seem unduly regulated. There also appears to be massive overspending on computers.

Savings on ridiculously specified ashtrays may prove possible. But the general issue of reinventing government is not as straightforward as it may appear. The political difficulty with reinventing government as a means of saving substantial amounts of money — in this case billions of dollars — is that it involves not merely spending less money, but also means cutting subsidies, and most importantly cutting federal jobs, (including, presumably, that of the ashtray safety inspector).

Furthermore, there appears to be resistance within the Democratic Party to some of the likely proposals, and the president can ill afford to lose supporters when he is trying to push through other issues such as health care reform and Nafta.

The irony is that each of the president's big-ticket items for this autumn is generally recognised as important in its own right. Many, especially health care reform and reduction in government waste, enjoy widespread public support. Yet each contains the potential for conflict and controversy, and there is a fear in Washington that Congress will not be able or willing to pass the entire "Clinton agenda" in one autumn.

Having just survived the budget vote, which could have shattered his presidency, Mr Clinton is now faced with an unusually heavy agenda, which many congressional observers consider too ambitious. Mr Clinton is keen to push Nafta through Congress. Nafta is popular among the majority of Republicans but only a minority of Democrats. Opposition is particularly strong among congressional Democrats, led by Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, who denounced the recently concluded side agreements with Canada and Mexico.

Something will have to give. It may be Nafta, as the free trade supporters fear, or it may be Mr Gore's proposals to reform government. It will certainly not be health care.

New York: Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said yesterday he was seriously considering to run for the presidency in 1996 and that a Republican surge in 1994 could well prompt him to seek his party's nomination. "I think it's an option. It could be a viable option," he said on television. "If we pick up strength in the Congress it may indicate that '96 might be a good time to run." *(Reuter)*



The leader of the left-wing guerrillas holding a press conference in the captured headquarters of the conservative National Opposition Union party in Managua

Nicaragua rebels seize reporters in hostage stand-off

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

LEFT-WING gunmen holding hostage Nicaragua's vice-president and a score of other political leaders yesterday seized a group of journalists covering the stand-off.

Radio Ya said its reporter, who had been allowed to transmit from inside the building where the hostages were being held, had been taken prisoner with at least seven other Nicaraguan journalists. "They are no longer there as journalists, they are there as hostages," the radio said.

The journalists included a photographer working for *The Washington Post* and reporters from the local newspaper *Barricada* and local television channel Extravision. The leader of the gunmen, identifying himself as "Commando 31", moments earlier said in a broadcast from inside the captured headquarters of the conservative National Opposition Union party (UNO) that his group had hardened its demands.

"The party is over, this is not a picnic," he said. "We are going to harden our positions." The gunmen, sympathisers of the former ruling Sandinista party, took hostage Virgilio Godoy, the vice-president, and other party leaders on Friday night in response to an earlier kidnapping of government officials and Sandinista politicians by a right-wing guerrilla group.

Hostages had been taken to rooms with no water or light, Radio Ya's reporter said before going off the air. Journalists inside the building could only use telephones or transmit when the gunmen allowed them to do so, he said.

Witnesses said several gunmen briefly patrolled the surrounding area. "I don't want to see anybody round here," one gunman shouted, demanding that police stay 180 yards from the building.

Near the remote northern mountain village of Quilali, 150 miles north of the capital, the group of former Contra guerrillas was still holding some 40 people including several Sandinista politicians. A joint commission of government, Sandinista and UNO politicians and Sergio Caramagna of Argentina, the representative of the Organisation of American States was due to meet the Contra leader early yesterday to discuss the possible release of hostages.

"Commando 31" said on Saturday, after releasing 14 of his approximately 35 hostages, that no more would be let go until the Contra group also freed some of its prisoners. But press reports quoted José Angel Talavera, the Contra leader also known as El Chacal (The Jackal), as saying he would not negotiate.

The incidents have highlighted the still bitter divisions in Nicaragua. The former Sandinista government and US-backed Contra rebels fought an eight-year civil war which ended in 1990 after 30,000 people were killed.

The Contra leader is demanding that President Chamorro sack army chief General Humberto Ortega, brother of Daniel Ortega, the former Sandinista president.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaria afflicts Teresa

Delhi: Doctors treating Mother Teresa, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, for malaria in the intensive-care unit at Delhi's All India Institute for Medical Sciences said last night that she was "acutely breathless" (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mother Teresa, who turns 83 on Friday, was admitted last week with a high temperature. A spokesman said that she had developed breathing problems, which kept recurring.

The spokesman added that the problem was caused by her "underlying and long-standing heart disease".

Tourists held

Ankara: Kurdish rebels have struck another blow at Turkey's tourism industry by kidnapping an Italian and three Swiss holidaymakers, bringing to 27 the number of tourists seized since 1991. *(Reuter)*

Inmates killed

Kigali: Prisoners beat to death 13 inmates who had threatened to take over their jail in Butare, southern Rwanda, a government source said. One seriously injured prisoner was taken to hospital. *(Reuter)*

Talks halted

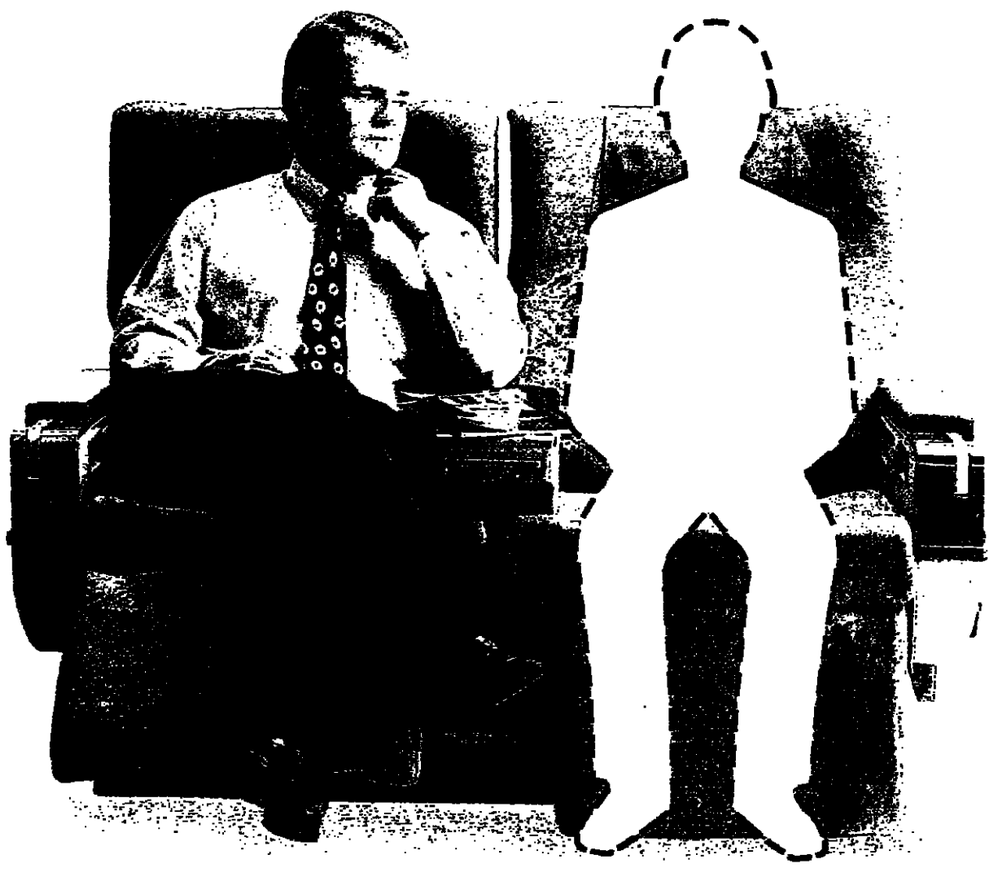
Moscow: Russia said it had broken off talks on withdrawing its remaining troops from Lithuania, warning Vilnius that it would act "swiftly and decisively" if they suffered any intimidation. *(Reuter)*

Entry granted

Jerusalem: John Demjanjuk has been assured of US entry papers once the Israeli supreme court that acquitted him of being Nazi killer "Ivan the Terrible" lets him leave, his lawyer said. *(Reuter)*

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Police book Rodney King again

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

RODNEY King's entanglement with the law entered yet another phase at the weekend when he was arrested for drunk driving — his fourth arrest since the infamous videotaped beating he received at the hands of four white police officers who stopped him for speeding in March 1991.

Mr King, 28, was driving in Los Angeles in the early hours of the morning when he crashed his car into a wall near the aptly named Grand Slam, a nightclub owned by the rock musician Prince.

No other vehicles were involved, and neither Mr King nor his two passengers were hurt. The black motorist, whose beating by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department led to two trials and the worst riots in America this century, was taken to police headquarters where he is a regular, if unpopular, visitor.

After tests for alcohol in the blood, Mr King was booked on a misdemeanour and released without bail. He must appear in court on September 15, while the Los Angeles attorney's office decides whether to press charges.

Washington frees Kennedy files

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

ABOUT 90,000 pages on the assassination of John F. Kennedy are to be released by the Clinton administration today. By doing so it hopes to put paid to the many conspiracy theories surrounding the death of the former president.

The documents are not likely to produce a "smoking gun" since previous investigating commissions all had access to them. Because of the sheer scale of the information involved, however, the documents may contain some previously undiscovered information about whether Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's killer, had links to CIA agents.

In addition to the CIA files, the National Archives will release several thousand other documents, including those from the Warren Commission, which concluded in 1964 that Oswald acted alone.

A new investigative book on Kennedy's assassination is also being published this week, which supports the Warren Commission's view. The investigation, one of the most comprehensive private enquiries launched on this issue, makes use of advanced computer techniques, such as computer simulation of an amateur film that showed the assassination.

Gerald Posner, the author, claims to be able to prove that three bullets, rather than four, were fired at the president, and that they all came from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. Posner's book, *Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK*, also supports the single-bullet theory, which holds that Kennedy and John Connally, the former Texas governor, were hit by one bullet.

Posner claims to provide "incontrovertible medical, ballistic and scientific evidence" that Oswald's second shot was the single bullet. The author, who had previously investigated the whereabouts of Josef Mengele, the Nazi concentration camp doctor, also attempts to disprove the notion that Oswald had links with the American government, or that he was a KGB agent.

Marina Oswald Porter, 52, Oswald's widow appealed to those attending a conference on the assassination in Sudbury, Ontario, on Saturday to keep questioning the case. She said she still did not believe that Oswald was the assassin.

Conflict over abortion turns vicious

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

WITH her large spectacles and sensible shoes, Rachelle Renae Shannon, 37, does not look like a fanatical anti-abortion campaigner. But today the Oregon housewife and mother of two teenagers will appear in a Kansas court charged with attempting to murder an abortion doctor in Wichita.

Dr George Tiller, one of the relatively small number of American doctors prepared to carry out late-term abortions, was shot and wounded in both arms as he drove away from his clinic last Thursday. Mrs Shannon walked up to his car, according to witnesses, and fired through the window with a .32-calibre pistol. She was arrested at the airport in Oklahoma City later that day as she returned a rented car and prepared to fly home to Oregon.

The shooting of Dr Tiller, who was not seriously injured, is the latest in a wave of attacks by anti-abortionists. Janet Reno, the attorney-general, has called for a clampdown on violent protesters, and a bill is pending in Congress which would make obstruction of clinic entrances a federal crime. The Supreme Court will decide soon whether the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organisations Act, used against the Mafia, can also be used to investigate anti-abortion groups. While most anti-abortion groups in the US publicly condemn violence, a growing minority is prepared to use terror tactics. A Roman Catholic priest in Alabama recently described the murder of abortion doctors as "justifiable homicide", and one anti-abortion group in Oregon, of which Mrs Shannon is a member, defended Thursday's attack as "a courageous act".



Janet Reno, who has demanded a clampdown on protest violence

Mrs Shannon wrote fan letters to Michael Griffin, a Florida man accused of killing an abortion doctor last March. Mr Griffin will be tried for the murder of Dr David Gunn, who was shot outside his Pensacola clinic. If convicted, Mr Griffin could be sentenced to death. "You did the right thing," Mrs Shannon wrote in one of 25 letters she sent to Mr Griffin in prison.

When she appeared briefly in an Oklahoma court last week, clutching a small Bible and plainly terrified, Mrs Shannon could hardly have appeared less like a terrorist. In some ways she is typical of the most radical wing of the anti-abortion campaign: middle-class, deeply devout, a mother and wife, kind to neighbours and strangers, yet bearing an obsessive hatred of those who perform abortions.

Mrs Shannon has a long history of anti-abortion activity and spent much of her spare time editing an anti-abortion newsletter. Her family is used to her leaving home to travel to rallies and demonstrations around the country.

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Warning as diphtheria, cholera, malaria and tuberculosis claim more victims

Britons on holiday face growing risk of disease

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITISH tourists and business people were warned yesterday of the risk of contracting serious diseases by ignoring medical advice, refusing vaccinations or abandoning drugs before they have completed the course.

The World Health Organisation is so concerned about the sudden resurgence of tuberculosis, cholera and a drug-resistant strain of malaria that it is urging tourists to take seriously the hazards of disease abroad.

It says tuberculosis has made a "powerful comeback" and is now "humanity's greatest killer". Cholera is sweeping much of sub-Saharan Africa and is officially classed as an epidemic, and diptheria poses a serious problem in Moscow, St Petersburg and Ukraine.

A spokesman said: "Whether travellers are on a business trip or are taking a holiday, they should visit recognised travel clinics and learn how to avoid disease. It is also important that they know how to treat symptoms should they occur and are able to take preventive medication."

Studies show more than half of all patients treated for malaria in Britain contracted it abroad after failing to take their tablets properly or abandoning them completely.

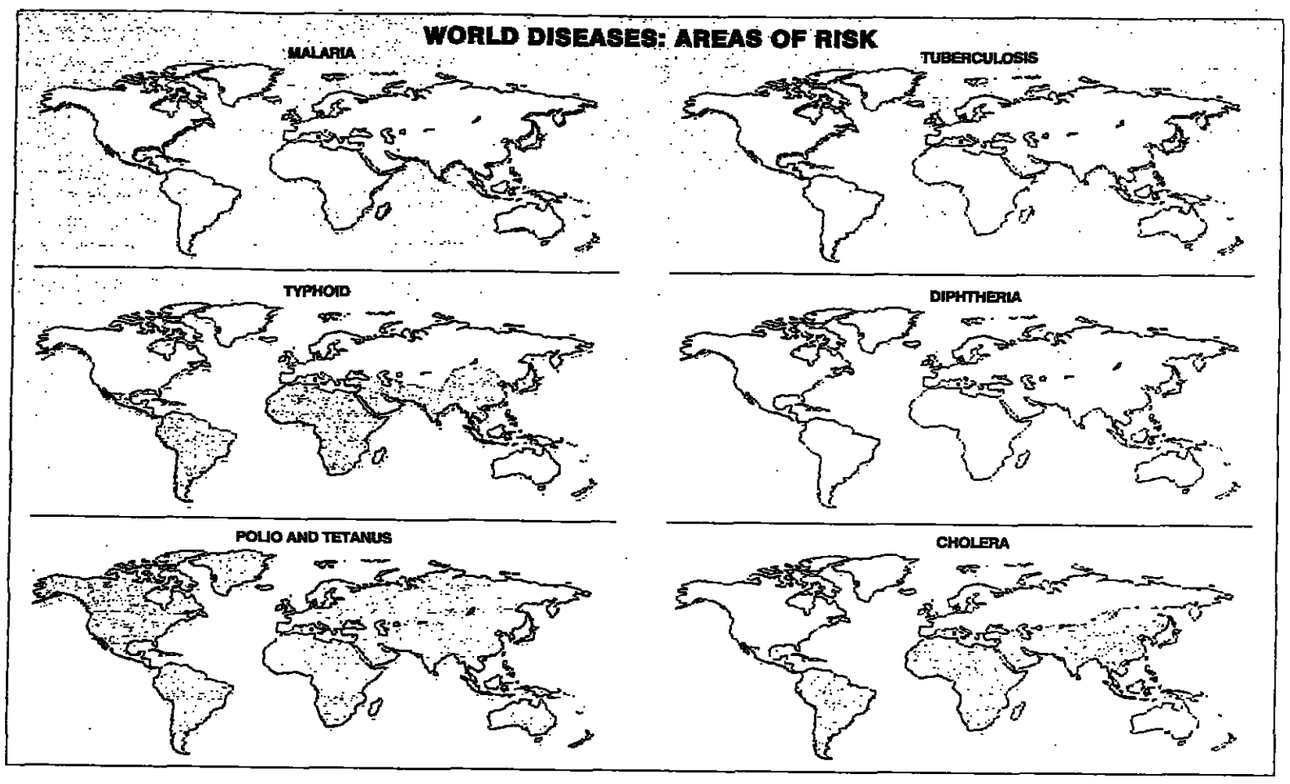
Last year 127 people died from diphtheria in Russia and Ukraine, and 2,828 new cases were reported in the first five months of this year. Cases of diphtheria contracted in Russia and Ukraine by foreign travellers have been diagnosed recently in Norway, Poland, Estonia and Finland.

Supplies of diphtheria booster ran out in Britain almost two months ago after travellers to Russia inundated clinics with requests for vaccinations. The only dose now available is the one used for infants, and it is unsuitable for adults because it may cause a reaction if they have already come into contact with the disease.

A spokesman for Regents Laboratories, London, the sole British distributor of the adult vaccine, said: "The unprecedented demand has meant we have gone through two years' stock in one month. New supplies will not be ready until October. People panicked when they heard there was an outbreak."

By far the biggest problem on a global scale is tuberculosis. More than eight million people contract TB every year, and three million of those will die. Another of the world's main killers is malaria — a million people die and 100 million suffer from it every year. Last year 12 people in Britain died of malaria and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases treated 400 cases.

A spokesman for WHO said: "The major problem for Western tourists is complacency. It may feel safe to eat and sleep within the confines of a five-star hotel, but once you step outside you have all the hazards of the country to contend with. Malaria can strike a year after the tourist returns to Britain."



Spectre of pestilence stirs forgotten fears

BY PETER TAYLOR

THE wave of diseases sweeping Russia, which last week claimed its first Western victim when a Belgian tourist died of diphtheria, is raising fears that the scourges which ravaged mankind in the Middle Ages may be on the march again.

The Russian authorities have reported outbreaks of typhoid and cholera, and in the neighbouring state of Kazakhstan there has even been a case of bubonic plague — the "Black Death". Almost 200 people, including 65 children, have been taken to hospital with typhoid in Volgodonsk, in southern Russia.

Thomson Holidays recently cancelled package holidays to Moscow and St Petersburg because of the outbreaks, but as Western tourists and backpackers go further afield in increasingly large numbers, other destinations may come under scrutiny. A new strain of cholera is reported to have spread from the Indian subcontinent to Thailand, and the disease is already rampant in Kabul.

The spectre of disease touches our most atavistic feelings. Biblical plagues were often equated with divine punishment, but equally apocalyptic visions were conjured up by thinkers such as the Rev Thomas Malthus, who argued that disease was an essential check on overpopulation. Despite advances in research, the study of how diseases spread has few certain conclusions. Epidemics usually occur either when a new strain defeats existing immune systems, or when a disease which is endemic (present in the community all the time at stable levels) spreads because other factors make it more easily transmittable.

"There is a sort of Darwinian angle to it," says Dr John Innes, a leading specialist in infectious diseases at Birmingham's Heartlands Hospital. "In influenza, for example, mutations to the organism occur spontaneously and alter the receptiveness of the strain to the kind of antibody protection that the population at large has developed by its exposure to previous strains."

But diseases that are not particularly virulent can also reach epidemic proportions if circumstances are ripe for their transmission. The most obvious example is after a civil catastrophe — perhaps a war, earthquake or flood — when water supplies and sanitation have been degraded. In many Third World countries water quality may be poor because of a general deterioration in the infrastructure, and where food shortage or famine is prevalent resistance to all forms of disease is much reduced. Epidemics can also result from a change in people's habits. The epidemic of diphtheria in Russia may in part be due to a reluctance to immunisation. In circumstances where properly sterlised equipment is in short supply, people fear that dirty needles might infect them with some other communicable disease such as HIV. An immunisation campaign is now being vigorously pursued.

Generally speaking, epidemics are infectious from person to person — perhaps through inhaling infected air, or through physical contact — but they can spread by other means. In tropical areas insects are common spreaders of disease (malaria being the best-known example). Other diseases appear to have a seasonal cycle still not fully understood. In the northern hemisphere, scarlet fever tends to be an autumnal complaint, whereas whooping cough is more likely to break out in the spring. But international travel is perhaps the most obvious factor in converting an epidemic into a global "pandemic".

Vaccines rushed to Moscow

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

WESTERN medical centres catering for foreigners in Moscow stayed open all through the weekend to cope with requests for immunisation after the death from diphtheria of a Belgian tourist in Moscow last week, and fresh supplies of vaccines have had to be ordered.

Diphtheria is now the most widespread infectious fatal disease in Russia and Ukraine. In Russia, more than 4,000 cases have been reported this year, as many as in the whole of 1992. At least 106 people have died. About 1,500 have caught diphtheria in Ukraine and 43 have died.

Diphtheria is most dangerous to old people, young children and those whose resistance to disease has been weakened by poor food — much of the Russian population, in short. Anne Petit, the Belgian who died, was 62; a third of this year's deaths have been among infants.

Western doctors here are emphasising that young, well-fed Western tourists are in much less danger. It has also been pointed out that, in spite of the steep deterioration in recent years, the health situation in Russia remains considerably better than in regular Third World tourist destinations.

Doctors here have therefore described the response of Thomson Holidays in stopping its trips to Russia as exaggerated. But they emphasise the need for tourists to arrange immunisation for diphtheria and other diseases, as well as having booster shots if necessary, before leaving home.

One thing everyone is agreed on is that Russian hospitals are to be avoided. Declining funds and filthy conditions make some of them major transmission points for disease.

Mubarak keeps militants at bay with tough sentences

BY MICHAEL BINYON IN CAIRO

■ The Egyptian president's economic successes may not be enough to stem the tide of Islamic fundamentalism, now the only opposition force with a consistent ideology

A MILITARY court sentenced four Islamic militants to death over the weekend, bringing the number condemned to die to 25 since December. The court also sentenced two of the 32 defendants to life imprisonment, acquitted eight and jailed a further 18 for between two and 15 years for attempted murder, armed robbery and plotting to overthrow the government.

The tough sentences, the latest in a series of trials of militants accused of belonging to outlawed fundamentalist groups, were widely applauded here and have stirred little public emotion. "Let them all hang," one student said.

But as government officials leave Cairo en masse for the summer holidays, the question politicians, diplomats and investors are asking is whether the government will be able to keep the lid on sporadic outbreaks of violence, or whether they are symptomatic of a deeper malaise that could lead to a fundamental shift in Egyptian politics and the toppling of President Mubarak.

Pessimists, including left-wing press commentators and intellectuals who miss the heady days of Nasserism, liken the situation to that in Algeria and warn of an inevitable escalation. "The regime has lost all legitimacy. There is widespread corruption. The opposition does not have any legitimate means to take over," said Hussein Amin, Egypt's ambassador to Algeria from 1987 to 1990 and now a leading dissident.

The comparison to Algeria came as Muslim fundamentalist gunmen shot dead Kasdi Merbah, the former Algerian prime minister, his son and brother after ambushing their car outside Algiers on Saturday night. Mr Merbah, 55, is the first Algerian opposition leader to be assassinated by the gunmen in their campaign against the state.

Mr Amin said that the emasculation of the legal opposition, already weakened by the collapse of socialism in Eastern Europe, had left the Islamic fundamentalists as the only people with a consistent ideology. Popular grumbling found no outlet. President Mubarak, in power for 12 years and accused of being out of touch, ran a government of opportunists who lived only from day to day, Mr Amin said. "As in the days of Caesar Augustus, we are ruled from afar — this time from Washington. Much as I hate foreign pressure, I only hope the Americans point out the need for radical change. We need new faces, people of integrity, in the government" — something he thought unlikely from a president who is noted for caution and muddling through.


Merbah: assassinated in Algerian ambush

Such apocalyptic fears are rejected by government supporters, most foreign diplomats and international economists who point out that, after price reforms and policies approved by the International Monetary Fund, Egypt's economy is stronger than it has been for years.

"It is wrong to link terrorism with economic hardship," said Mamduh Beltagui, a government spokesman. "There is a challenge, yes. But I do not believe it is as violent as the confrontations after the assassination of Sadat. We rely on the revulsion of our people from terrorism. But the government must also respond with a comprehensive policy — job creation, infrastructure projects, aid to the poorest districts."

Some politicians insist it would be better to legalise the fundamentalists to reveal their lack of realistic alternative policies and reduce their influence, as has happened in Jordan. But both the government and Mr Mubarak's critics say that fanatics who insist they are guided only by God have no time for democracy.

In Beirut, Shafiq al-Hoot, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's veteran representative to Lebanon, announced that he was withdrawing from its executive committee, saying the organisation was being wrecked by problems over leadership, peace talks and finance. Mr al-Hoot, 61, appealed for an urgent meeting of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile to stop the rot and rebuild confidence amid growing differences with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

☐ **Jerusalem:** An Israeli security guard was found shot dead in the occupied West Bank, apparently killed by Palestinians. *(Reuter)*

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Mogadishu missiles menace UN

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

MILITIAMEN in Mogadishu yesterday threatened to attack United Nations military aircraft with newly acquired surface-to-air missiles after the UN closed the international airport to civilian traffic.

Ali Hassan Osman, a close aide to Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord, confirmed UN intelligence reports that the Somali National Alliance had received sophisticated shoulder-launched missiles similar to the American-made Stinger.

"We have a number of anti-aircraft weapons, including some new arrivals, which we are prepared to use against legitimate military targets. There has never been any suggestion that we should shoot down civilian aircraft," Mr Osman said.

UN forces in Mogadishu may be forced to change their methods of search for General Aidid, who has been blamed for ordering the massacre of 24 Pakistani troops in June. Until now the UN has conducted most of its surveillance from American helicopters.

"We could bring down a helicopter tomorrow morning," said Mr Osman.

Six American soldiers were slightly injured when they drove over a remote-controlled mine close to the port in the Somali capital. The mine attack was the third in less than three weeks. The first killed four US soldiers.


A German UN convoy arriving in Belet Huen, Somalia, with humanitarian aid and supplies for about 1,700 German troops stationed there

Ten killed at prayer meeting

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AT LEAST ten people were shot dead and 21 injured when gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on blacks who had gathered for a prayer meeting outside a migrant workers' hostel near Germiston, east of Johannesburg, yesterday.

The massacre was almost identical to the attack on white worshippers in a church in Cape Town last month in which 11 people died and more than 50 were wounded.

Police were uncertain whether the assault on the hostel adjoining a metal foundry was an attack on the company's workers or part of the wider violence in the east Witwatersrand.

Yesterday several hundred supporters of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, armed with spears and clubs, took to the streets as a funeral was held for a slain comrade.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader and chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland, has declared for the first time that he will boycott April's all-race election for a constituent assembly that will complete the country's new constitution. Tomorrow the Pretoria Supreme Court will begin hearing an application by the KwaZulu government for the April 27 date, agreed by the multi-party negotiating council on the basis of "sufficient consensus", to be declared null and void.

Cult thrives as Deng turns 89

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, was 89 yesterday and the cult of personality is gathering pace. Although the party's newspaper, the *People's Daily*, neglected to mention the patriarch's birthday, it did tell readers that 56 books have been published on the great man, including 15 million copies printed by the army's publishing houses.

Much publicity has also been given to the first volume of a two-part biography of Mr Deng by his 43-year-old daughter, Rong. Like the rapidly burgeoning cult, such a book about a living leader is theoretically taboo in China, where the deification of Mao Tse-tung is branded a sign of the "great tragedy" that overtook the chairman in his last years. The cult presents Mr Deng as simultaneously the supreme source of political power and wisdom, and a person of simplicity, playing bridge with cronies, enjoying his grandchildren, presiding over family meals and hoping, his daughter writes, that he can be "just an ordinary person".

His parlous health is never mentioned: it is invariably described as excellent, although reports of every kind of ailment regularly emerge.

His words are constantly invoked. Tycoons here insist that China cannot turn back from his economic reforms because his influence is so great it will continue after his death. But there was a ripple of alarm during the past few weeks in Hong Kong when mainland spokesmen began recalling Mr Deng's threat to Margaret Thatcher in 1982 to intervene if the British failed to co-operate.

However, the colony's attention yesterday shifted to the *Sunday Morning Post*, which claimed that senior banking officials in China had embezzled $28 billion (£18.5 billion). Since China's foreign reserves are $19.8 billion, the alleged theft is unquestionably the largest in history.

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Marx comes in last at the philosophy Olympics

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PHILOSOPHERS from all parts of the globe are congregating in Moscow for the World Congress of Philosophy, nicknamed the "Olympics of the mind" by the cognoscenti. This is the first time the event has been held in the former Eastern bloc.

A thousand philosophers are attending, with participants from Oxford and Harvard rubbing shoulders with colleagues from Ukraine and as far as Argentina and China. The congress, which has run since 1900 except during the two world wars, is being held in the former social sciences academy of the Soviet central committee in southwest Moscow, an area notable for its endless tower blocks and now afflicted by poverty and street crime.

Nobody could accuse the guests of failing to encounter the hotly debated "real world". To reach their hall they have to stumble across wasteland, past street hawkers and step over prostrate beggars. Mindful of the legendary absent-mindedness of great thinkers, the official programme instructs them not to stroll too slowly across Moscow's busy highways.

Russia's philosophical establishment appears to be oblivious to the giddying changes around it. The congress's master of ceremonies is Ivan Frolov, a hybrid academician-functionary who once edited *Pravda*, the Communist party newspaper.

Registration took place under the brooding glare of an outsize Lenin statue, but in stark contrast to philosophical gatherings in Soviet days Marxism-Leninism receives scant attention this time. The Society for the Philosophical Study of Marxism is represented and there will be one debate on "Prospects for a Democratic Socialism", for which two Canadians, one American but no philosopher from the former Soviet Union have registered.

Lenin exiled many Russian philosophers on the advice of Felix Dzerzhinsky, head of his state security service, who deemed them a destabilising element in the aftermath of the revolution. After the Khrushchev thaw they were no longer hounded but were still required to pay lip service to the incontrovertibility of communism if they wished to hold down teaching jobs and were starved of the opportunity to follow international debate by bans on travel and the import of books and journals.

Thirty-six separate subjects are to be explored, ranging from straight epistemology and logic to Japanese materialism. The prize for the least inviting event is hotly contested, but must go to "Aristotle's Theory of Contrariety and Modern Dialectics: Inconsistency, Paraconsistency and Dialectical Consistency".

The proceedings are conducted in five languages, briefly turning the venue into a Tower of Babel in which all thoughts, theories and whims can be expressed, always providing that the notoriously fragile Russian interpreting service does not collapse under the strain.

Some of the 600 philosophers from the Commonwealth of Independent States were dismayed to find their pet subjects of little interest to the outside world. One provincial academic was disappointed to learn that his work on Zoroastrianism, the mystical religion which enjoyed popularity in Central Asia in the early Middle Ages, did not merit a colloquium to itself.

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Mole and a child of our time

CONTINUING SUE TOWNSEND'S COMIC TALE

Our hero denies any paternal interest in Sharon Bott's offspring, and discovers himself outrageously caricatured by a childhood enemy as the deeply boring Aiden Vole

Saturday January 19th
My mother rang to ask me if I had heard my old enemy Barry Kent on *Stop the Week* this morning. Apparently, Kent was publicising his first novel, *Dork's Diary*. I am now utterly convinced there cannot be a God. It was me that encouraged Kent to write poetry, and now I find out that the ex-skinhead, frozen peabrain has written a novel, *and got it published!*

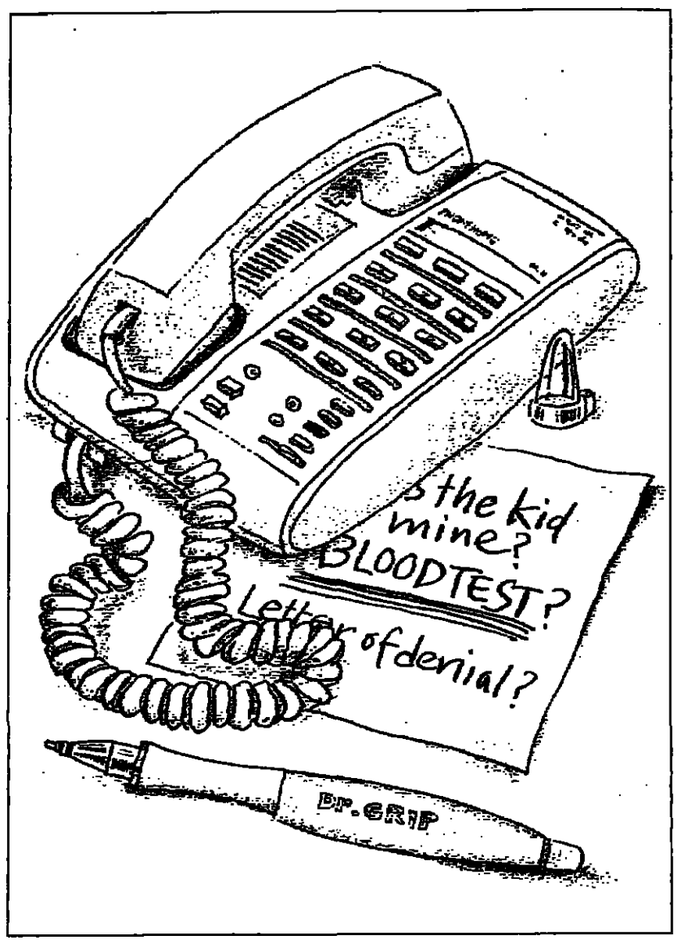
Sunday January 20th
At Waterstone's bookshop copies of *Dork's Diary* filled the window. I'm not ashamed to say that the curses sprang from my lips. As I flicked through the pages of the slim volume, my eye was caught by the name — "Aiden Vole" — given to one of the characters. This "Aiden Vole" is obsessed with matters anal. He is jingoistic, deeply conservative and a failure with women. "Aiden Vole" is an outrageous caricature of me.

Monday January 21st
Just listened to Kent on *Start the Week* on my portable radio. He has certainly extended his vocabulary. Melvyn Bragg said that the Aiden Vole character was "wonderfully funny" and asked if he was based on anybody real. Kent laughed and said, "You're a writer, Melv; you know what it's like. Vole is an amalgam of fact and fantasy. Vole stands for everything I hate most in this country, after the new five-pence piece, that is." The other guests laughed like drains.

Saturday June 1st
A letter from Sharon Bott.
Dear Adrian,
I hope you are well long time no see. I saw your mum in town and we had a talk she said how much Glenn looked like you I said yes and she said is he our Adrian's Sharon I must know she just came out with it like that I didn't know what to say I have got to confess I was seeing someone else at the time as I was seeing you I din't want to double time you Adrian but you was sometimes moody and I wanted some laffs I was only young. Glenn is going to school now and is a big boy.
My mum says you should pay some money but I said no mum it would not be fair cause I dont no if Glenn is Adrians or not Your mum gave me this address to write to you. I have not got a bloke now sinse Daryl run off with the video and £35 I had saved for the gas I have put a bit of wait on but I am going to go to Waitwatchers and get it off You mum said she would babysit she is so good to me.
Cheers,
Sharon

Sunday June 2nd
I spoke to my mother this morning and ordered her to keep her nose out of my affairs. She said, "Glenn is the *result* of one of your affairs" and put the phone down.
I was enraged by my mother's interference. How dare *she* pontificate about *anybody's* morals? I know for a fact that she was not a virgin on her wedding night. Grandma told me.
Memo to self: Is the kid mine? Blood test? Letter of denial?

Saturday June 8th
Wrote to Sharon:
Dear Sharon,
How very nice to hear from you after all this time.
I'm afraid that there is no chance at all that I can be the father of your child, Glenn.
I have recently had my sperm counted and I was informed by the Consultant Spermatologist that my sperms are too weak to transform themselves into a child. This is a personal tragedy to me, as



I had planned on having at least six children. You mention in your letter that you were double-timing me. I was most upset to read this — our relationship was not ideal, I know; we came from different backgrounds: me: upper-working/lower middle; you: lower working/underclass. And, of course, our educational attainments are worlds apart, not to mention our cultural interests. But despite these differences, I had thought that we rubbed along quite well sexually. I see absolutely no reason why you should have betrayed me and sought out another sexual partner. I confess that I am devastated by your revelation.
Anyway, Sharon, it was very nice to hear from you.
Regards,
Adrian
P.S. Who were you double-timing me with? Not that it matters, of course. I have had a constant stream of lovers since our relationship ended. It is simple curiosity on my part. But I would like to know the youth's name, though it is not in the least important. Don't feel obliged to let me know. I just think it may help you to get it off your chest. Guilt can eat away at you, can't it? So would you please write to me and let me know the youth's name. I think you would feel better yourself.

Thursday August 1st
Dear Adrian,
I was sorry to read about your poor cwallity seed the person I was seeing on the side was barry kent I feel better now it is off my chest.
Yours sincerely,
Sharon
Barry Kent! I should have known! He is an amoral, talentless turd! He is lower than a cesspit. He deserves to burn in everlasting hell with a catherine wheel tied to his cheating penis.

Friday August 2nd
Dear Sharon,
Many thanks for your commiserations regarding my 'seed', as you put it. May I suggest that you get in touch with Barry Kent (who, as you know, is now both *rich* and famous) and ask him to contribute to Glenn's upbringing? The least Kent can do is to send Glenn to a private school, thus giving his child an excellent start.
I remain, Yours,
Adrian
P.S. I am absolutely sure that Barry will be thrilled to hear that he has a child.
P.P.S. Eton is quite a good private public school.

Friday August 9th
Adrian,
What are you playing at, getting Sharon Bott to write to me and ask for money to send her sprog to Eton? I'm down here at Jeanette Winterson's place, trying to finish my second novel and I can do without all this rubbish.
Baz

Monday October 7th
Barry Kent is making a film for BBC2 about his "roots". The television cameras were in the Co-op, blocking the aisles. I couldn't get to the cat food, so I complained. The young manager went off and, in crawling tones, asked the cameraman to pass him three tins of cat food. With what I thought was ill grace, the cameraman obliged and, after paying the starstruck cashier, I left the shop.

Tuesday October 8th
Kent is still poncing around the neighbourhood. I saw him being filmed walking up our street. He was wearing a floor-length overcoat, cowboy boots and dark glasses. I ducked out of sight. I have no wish to be publicly identified as the dork in *Dork's Diary*.
I took the dog for a walk to the field where Pandora used to ride Blossom, her pony. It tired very quickly. I had to carry it back.
I saw Mrs Kent, Barry's mother, on her way home. She told me that Barry had bought her the council house she now lives in. This made me laugh quite a lot. The Kents' house is a byword for squalor in our neighbourhood. They chop the internal doors up for firewood every winter.

Saturday October 12th
My mother has been persuaded to give a talk to camera about "the Barry Kent she once knew". I urged her to tell the truth, about the bullying, lying, scruffy, thick youth we knew and despised.
But my mother said, "I always found Barry to be a sensitive child." The director made her stand by her overflowing wheelie bin in the side yard.
My mother said, "Shouldn't I be made-up, by a proper make-up artist?" Nick the director, said, "No. Mrs Mole, we're going for actuality." My mother touched the cold sore on her lip and said, "I'd counted on a bit of camouflage to hide this." A strong light was turned on her, which showed every line, wrinkle and bag on my mother's face.
Then the director shouted, "Go!" and my mother went. To pieces. After 17 attempts, BBC2 gave up, packed their gear and went off. My mother ran upstairs and threw herself on the bed. There is nothing so pitiful as a failed interviewee.

TOMORROW: A luxury cruise beckons for Mole at a bargain-basement £300 price.

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Can computers be champions?

David Levy looks at the extraordinary success of Deep Thought and chess-playing silicon chips

During a chess tournament between computers in Toronto in the summer of 1977, the spectators sat puzzling over what appeared to be an obvious move by the Soviet program Kaissa. In check from its opponent's queen, Kaissa was apparently compelled to move its king in reply.
After several minutes cogitation, however, Kaissa made what seemed like an incredible blunder, interposing a rook and thereby leaving one of its most powerful pieces to be captured for no compensation. Kaissa's compatriot, the international grandmaster and former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, threw up his hands in horror as this howler appeared on the computer terminal. None of the other grandmasters or international masters in the audience could offer any rational explanation.
It was only after the game that the truth was revealed. Kaissa pointed out, immediately upon being interrogated, that the king move would have allowed its opponent to unleash a beautiful queen sacrifice, forcing checkmate.
That incident prompted Monty Newborn, a Canadian computer science professor from McGill University, to remark: "Grandmasters used to come to computer chess tournaments to laugh. Now they come to look. Soon they will come to learn."
It is, of course, a still far cry from the day when programs will regularly inflict defeat on the likes of Kasparov and Short. But chess programs have made remarkable strides. In 1977, the strongest of them, Chess 4.5, was just good enough to win the Minnesota open championship, with a rating performance on the U.S. Chess Federation scale of 2,271, which corresponds to the strength of an American master.
In 1988, the best rating performance ever achieved by a program rose to 2,745, corresponding to strong grandmaster. The program, Deep Thought, shared first place with the former England number one, Tony Miles, in a tournament at Long Beach, California. The following year Deep Thought crushed Miles.
During those 12 years, computer hardware had become very much faster and cheaper, making it accessible to students and players. As the silicon chips gained in speed of operation, it became possible for them to evaluate more than one million chess positions per second.
While Deep Thought represents the state of the art in chess hardware, a handful of talented programmers struggle for supremacy in writing programs for more conventional computers, such as PCs.
Writing programs for the public is both hobby and career for the most successful of this breed. The Dutch programmer Ed Schroeder, in the absence of the Deep Thought team, won first prize at last year's world computer chess championship in Madrid, while Britain's Richard Lang, working from his home in Poole, has programmed many of the world's strongest dedicated chess computers and has recently turned to PCs, for which he has written a program called Chess Genius.

ADRIAN BROOKS



David Levy locked in battle with the chess-playing computer Deep Thought, the "state of the art" in chess hardware

Although the programs written by Schroeder and Lang are designed for hardware far less powerful and considerably less expensive than Deep Thought, their playing strength is not far behind. What they lack in super-fast silicon they almost make up in superior programming.
The Deep Thought team at IBM's Thomas J. Watson research centre in New York is led by a brilliant electronic engineer and programmer known as Crazy Bird, the translation of his Chinese name Feng-hsiung Hsu. This small team is developing a much faster version of its special-purpose chess chip and also developing techniques to make, perhaps, thousands of the chips to work together. Hsu hopes to have the next generation chip operational by this winter, performing well enough to push Deep Thought to the level of the world's top 50 grandmasters.
But Garry Kasparov remains unconvinced. He soundly thrashed an earlier version of Deep Thought at their first encounter, played in New York in October 1989, and believes that his mission in life during the 1990s is to demonstrate man's continued dominance over the machine.
My prediction is that Kasparov's successors will survive the onslaught for another 20 years or thereabouts.
Viewers who follow *The Times* world chess championship on Channel 4 television or Teletext will be able to see for themselves how well the moves suggested by a leading chess program compare with those made by Kasparov and Short.
Although the leading programs still lag behind top grandmasters in playing strength, there are aspects of chess in which the computer can be a useful tool even for the very strongest players. Database programs have been in use for several years, allowing professional players to keep up to date with the latest games and openings of all their opponents. In the endgame, database programs have been even more useful, enabling computers to play perfectly in positions with very few pieces on the board. In this sense at least, Newborn's words "Soon they will come to learn" have proved prophetic.
And what of chess fans? How do they benefit from the huge, worldwide research effort being applied to computer chess? The spin-off for enthusiasts lies in the wide range of dedicated chess computers on the market costing from £20 to £3,000, and programs available on disk ranging from a few pounds up to £90.
Anyone who enjoys chess can find a tireless opponent, one which will never refuse to play a game and can have its playing strength set at the peak of its skill or at a much simpler level. These products are excellent as trainers and can be a big help to those who find it difficult to find regular practice.

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Sex is not the last item on the menu

LIBBY PURVES

THE case of Angus Diggle, convicted on a charge of attempting to rape another lawyer after a kilted St Andrew's night ball, happened in a setting so ludicrously British that it is difficult to use the American expression "date rape" about it. Date rape makes you think of overwrought high school students in the back of beat-up Chevvies, or schoolgirl waitresses imprudently being lured out to nightclubs by flash old men: the expression has either a callow or a calculatedly vicious sound to it.
And somehow, in this case, neither seems to fit. These were both *solicitors*, for heaven's sake: over 25, professionals, sophisticates, worldlings. They were trained to listen and analyse. They had encountered, one presumes, all sorts of curious byways of human behaviour. The inescapable question is — how on earth, in 1993, two such people can misread one another so grievously, even after a few drinks? How can a man like Angus Diggle inhabit two worlds: one so modern, casual and comradely that the sexes think nothing of dossing down in platonic amiability in the same room; and another where he is capable of delivering the ancient line: "I spent £200 on her. Why can't I do what I did?"
It is the very contrast between these new and old worlds which makes modern courtship so dangerous. On the one hand we have a proper horror of rape, and (unless we are dotty old judges) most of us agree with the feminist chant of "Whatever we wear, wherever we go, Yes means Yes and No means No". In this context sex is regarded as an momentous, important, significant matter. Yet at the same time, sex between the young and single is constantly conveyed to us in our culture as no big deal: novels at both the highbrow and Jilly Cooper ends of the market are full of casual couplings between virtual strangers. Often they seem to be strangers who don't like each other much, or who have just been quarrelling. In films and on television, they sometimes barely even speak before the bed scene. The drunken Mr Diggle said to his victim's rescuers: "How ordinary this all is. You people are so boring." One can see — if not approve — what he meant.
Ordinary is just what it was, or would have been if he had not misread his partner. Every day, after a lot less than £200 being spent, young men and women are, as the courts like to put it, "consenting to sex" with virtual strangers. This woman, of course, did not consent, and Mr Diggle deserved what he got: but in an age when condoms are cartoon characters, chastity is regarded as weird and "safe sex" is almost a virtue, it is not hard to see how confusion might arise.
Mothers used to warn their daughters about being alone with men in certain intimate situations. Some even passed on the legend of chaps having "uncontrollable passions" and being unable to stop, for obscure physiological reasons, once the idea had crossed their mind. We were given to understand, as recently as the late 1960s, that if you weren't careful the most staid man might abruptly strip off.
THESE days, mothers warn of rape, and try to include the good old "Uncontrollable Man" theme by trendily calling it date rape. Daughters often scoff, and continue to doss down after parties in situations which would have given their great-grandmothers the vapours. Remember all those novels where girls were deemed "ruined" if they had spent the night under a man's roof? Remember Giles Winterborne, in Hardy's *The Woodlanders*, actually dying of pneumonia because he would not sully his fugitive guest's honour by sleeping indoors?
But never mind what mothers try to tell their daughters. What I want to know is, who tells the boys? Who drums into them the new sexual etiquette: that no girl is ever "asking for it", that no expenditure obliges her to "come across", and that she can say no right up to the last minute? What counteracts the old playground lore? Do mothers sit their darling sons down for a chat on the subject? Are there fathers who grasp the nettle and have manly little talks about self-restraint and taking nothing for granted? Admittedly, it seems desperately insulting to one's own child even to contemplate the fact that he might be a rapist.
But after all, generations of intelligent girls have been lectured on the subject of sexual risk as if they were sluttish half-wits. Sauce for the goose: clearly, this talk needs giving. The Diggle case could be just the chance.

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When you discovered years ago that the winning style formula is to stay simple — why change now?





Elementary my dear Zoran

'It goes from one generation to another. Now the daughters of my clients are buying the same clothes'

AT THE MOMENT fashion, pared down to the bare bones, seems to be making no statement at all. With customers tired of laboured label layering, designers are keen to present a more honest, straightforward style. At the moment, that's what's making news. For the Yugoslavian-born, American-based designer Zoran, this news is nothing new.

"There's nothing new to talk about," explains Zoran, who has been creating the most elementary clothes for the past 17 years. "My collection never changes, because I don't change and my client doesn't change. It goes from one generation to another. Now my clients' daughters are buying the same clothes." The same, but like nobody else's.

The clothes Zoran creates are very much an extension of the man himself, the way *he* likes to dress. He lives in a New York loft, a bare white space with no clutter. "I don't like to be bothered by unnecessary things. There is too much clutter, too much confusion, and that's why there are too many psychiatrists."

His designs are easily understood: basic shapes in beautiful fabrics. Vests in silk, pyjama pants in organza. T-shirts in cashmere. Everything shaded by a moody palette of black, navy, grey, beige and maybe a piece of red. And metallics? "Very few, but they are not a colour".

Seasonal changes make little difference and have little effect on Zoran's collection. In winter, he simply adds more layers, or cuts the same shapes in weightier fabrics. A voluminous opera jacket in taffeta finds itself reworked in a warm shearling. Nothing could make more sense.

For something so simple, the price tags bear big, complicated figures. Such sumptuous fabrics do come expensive. "This is not everybody's style. The style or the price," says Zoran in a slow, low mid-Atlantic drawl. "I'm not interested in making money, that's not the point. I don't do much, so I don't need much."

Zoran started in fashion



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with much less. "I bought one hundred dollars of fabric, and made three tops and two bottoms." The prestigious Henri Bendel's department store in New York bought them immediately. The fashion world's style bible, *Women's Wear Daily*, photographed them. The next week Zoran received huge orders.

"I had clients from day one. When I see people wearing my clothes, it makes me happy, because I'm not making clothes to go in a museum." That he trained as an architect is obvious. His work is minimal, yet exacting. To be so undivided in concept, the clothes must be exactly right. Zoran's clothes are just that.

This puritanical style is also making waves on this side of the Atlantic. Ellis Flyte and Richard Ostell are two young designers who have worked separately in the business for several years. Joining together as Flyte Ostell, they have successfully captured the mood for pure, unfussy clothes which work singly, or simply layered. Trapeze tunics and dresses, single-button, floor-skimming coats or modest slip dresses in crêpe, fine jersey and silk are the antithesis of the overly designed, and have made them the toast of British fashion. Flyte Ostell are making headlines the world over with their clean lines.

With Muji, there is even less to shout about, and yet that is exactly what the fashion cognoscenti have been doing. Muji is a Japanese export, a "no name" label producing quietly confident pieces of cotton clothing which can be integrated into any wardrobe. They are not only useful, but cheap. Muji also produces household goods with the same spartan design ethic: minimal futurism.

Assuming such an ascetic approach, how small can a wardrobe of clothes be? Zoran is adamant that it should be no more than fits into a small travel bag. "That's all you need. That's why it's important to buy good quality," he says.

And if life imitates art, what kind of lifestyle can one expect to live dressed in such an uncomplicated fashion? Zoran, in his no-fuss, no-frills world, simply smiles. "My favourite thing is not to do anything. I do absolutely nothing."

Ah, but with such style.



Above: Sacha: navy chiffon dress, £605 (sold as suit with satin slip dress), navy lace tunic, £470, Flyte Ostell. Matthew: white ribbed vest, £10.95, Muji, 26 Great Marlborough Street, London, W1, 39 Shelton Street, London, WC2, 63-67 Queen Street, Glasgow

Above left: Sacha: ivory silk satin vest, £205, silver grey silk satin trousers, £325, Zoran, Brown's, 23-27 South Molton Street, London, W1. Matthew: white linen-mix pyjama pants, £34.95 (sold with pyjama jacket), Muji

Left: Sacha: cream cashmere sweater, £390, Zoran, Brown's, London W1, white ribbed vest, £6.50, Muji. Matthew: white fleece sweatpants, £29.95, white ribbed athletic vest, £14.95, Muji, as before. Silver ID bracelet, $130, Shades of the Village, New York

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HOTLINE

● **Barbie, not content with being just a doll, now has her own dance workout video. An animated Barbie performs the "Barbie Basic, the Sidewalk Strut and the Jam'n'Jogger" — all moves from her energetic aerobic dance routine. The video, which is aimed at young girls, has been approved by the Aerobics Fitness Association of America and will be available from video outlets, priced £8.99, from October.**

● **The late Tina Chow, model, muse and jewellery designer, built an exceptional collection of 20th century couture clothes and accessories. 100 items of which will be sold at Christie's in New York on September 21. The highlight of the sale is a pale-pink 1930s velvet cape from Fortuny. Christie's and *Mirabella* magazine will host a benefit cocktail reception and private view of the Chow collection. Proceeds from the event will go to Tina's House and Housing Works, two Aids and HIV-related charities.**

RACHEL COLLINS

Matthew Parris



■ A poodle of a man sets out the harsh facts of life for the misguided mistresses of the world

All men are dogs: it's just a question of sorting out the breed." Or so writes Chrissy Iley in *The Sunday Times*. Intrigued, I read on. Some men are poodles, she continues. My eye is caught by a photograph illustrating a typical example. It is of myself. Poodles, she says, are intelligent (thanks, Chrissy) but unpredictable. Good company, they nevertheless love to be the centre of attention and are "always on their hind legs doing tricks". Besides me, other poodles are Mick Jagger and Jeremy Paxman.

Oh well, that's alright then: I just wanted to know who else was in this kennel. Richard Branson is doubtless equally content to find himself cast as a collie; but I wonder whether the Prince of Wales minds being a spaniel or Clive Anderson a terrier? Ms Iley ends her article with a stylish *miaouw*.

And I ask myself how a poodle should respond? No true poodle could miss this opportunity to reply with a trick or two of his own! Pause, then, when I get on to my hind legs, preen my pom-poms and essay an answer. On behalf of all dogs, Chrissy, here is a short message to our female owners.

It must start with a major caution. *Don't exaggerate the personal bond.* Dogs are pleased to be taken home and cared for by kind ladies. We are grateful for our baskets and our Bonio. We are not unmindful of the attention you give us, and we love to have our stomachs rubbed. In return we are more than happy to go walkies with you, respond to the whistle, trot behind you and answer to our names.

We will do simple tricks for you, show off for your friends, accept our leash and learn to distinguish you from other ladies (unless they have biscuits). We will lick and nuzzle you as occasion suits. We will be faithful to you, mostly, if only for a quiet life.

But don't ever think it had to be you. Don't get silly about us, or suppose we're all that silly about you, though we can pretend if it pleases you.

Speaking as a poodle, Chrissy, one owner is as good as another as long as you get fed. We enjoy the attention. We will guard you jealously and bark at strangers — because it's in our nature: we'd do it for any lady. Out of habit (or even affection) we will stick around, often for years, sometimes for life. But frankly, old girl, if you should fall under a bus, there are other dog baskets, other tin openers and walkies with other ladies . . .

And you mention sex, Chrissy. Like dogs, you say, men are crazy for sex and cannot think straight in anything to do with the mating game.

Women love saying this sort of thing. Secretly, of course, they hope it's true. "Ooh, you are awful. You men are all the same. You only ever want one thing." In fact, this is wishful thinking on women's part. They hope we only want one thing because it is the thing they offer.

But, sadly, the dog analogy is all too accurate. Far from being silly about sex (as women are), we doggies are rather matter-of-fact about it. When we want it we go out and find it; it doesn't take us long; and when it's done it's done. Our attention moves to the next meal, or a possible rabbit in the undergrowth.

It is not really in our natures to hang around and ask the lady dog whether she'd like a cup of tea, or kiss her lightly on the forehead. Speaking candidly as a poodle, it is not absolutely necessary that we see her again, and nor are we frantically interested in the puppies — though we can be trained to go through the motions. Just as with dogs, the only way the female can be sure of sustained attention of a romantic sort from the male is *before* mating — and by proving hard to get.

> Frankly, old girl, if you should fall under a bus, there are other dog baskets, other ladies

The truth is, Chrissy, that — like dogs — for large parts of their lives men are not all that bothered about sex. Though we bark a lot about it, it is an intermittent need: urgent when it comes, but quickly and easily satisfied. We do not especially care whether the other party enjoys it (though the modern dog is trained to pretend). Nor do we need to tangle it up with the rest of our lives, as our mistresses do. Here, too, I fear, the canine message to you ladies is the same: *it didn't have to be you.* It's jolly nice that tonight it is, of course — and by the way, is it Pedigree Chum for dinner?

The closer you look the more right Chrissy Iley is. I suppose the mistake women most often make about men is to build them into something they are not: to read too much into their response and to overlook their essential simplicity. They seem to think we're humans, like them.

Precisely thus is the dog misunderstood by his mistress. He barks, wags his tail, makes a mess on the carpet or tries to mate with her leg — and she thinks he means something by it. She thinks he's trying to say something to her, that he can feel towards her the same emotions she feels towards him. She thinks he can be "good" or "naughty". She thinks he has hopes, plans, a sense of obligation, even.

But he doesn't. He's a dog. Woof.

As the world's philosophers meet in Moscow, **Anne McElvoy** sees a new challenge for the West

Russia resurrects the art of thinking

In 1922, a ship set sail from Petrograd carrying some of Russia's finest philosophers. Nikolai Berdayev, Sergei Bugakov and Nikolai Losky, whose writings on aesthetics, religion and national identity dominated the subject in their country at that time, had annoyed Lenin by failing to articulate the required view that Marxism was a complete and coherent thought-system and that communism embodied the triumph of Hegelian world-spirit. They were never allowed to return. Pavel Florensky, an Orthodox priest who was a gifted writer on ethics and mathematics, died in the camps in 1939 along with many others.

The result is that the country which between 1890 and 1917 had engaged energetically with European developments — Nietzsche was widely enough read and discussed to merit a comic aside in Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* — has been excluded from philosophical dialogue for most of this century.

This week it makes its official return to the fold as 1,000 practitioners from across the globe descend on Moscow for the World Congress of Philosophy, being held there for the first time since its inception in 1900. The last congress, staged in Brighton five years ago, was deemed by its loftier participants to have been a media event, designed to hoist the subject further up the government's funding ladder rather than a serious brainstorming session. The dominant areas of enquiry were firmly in the Anglo-American analytical tradition: lots of wrangles about perception and qualities and whether beliefs have contents, which caused one African visitor to complain that philosophers had forgotten their traditional role of providing the most comprehensive insight possible into the predicament of human existence.

It is a grievance unlikely to surface this time. Russian thinkers today, like their forebears at the beginning of the century, conceive their task on a more ambitious scale than their Western counterparts. They are less interested in the detailed examination of phenomena and recherché questions about the nature of reality than about how man should interpret and organise the world, in the meaning of cultural identity and in religious philosophy, an area which has been relegated to subsidiary status in the West.

There could hardly be a more suitable moment for such discussions. Since the fall of communism, a rare convergence has emerged between philosophers, politicians and laymen on the quests facing Russia. A recent edition of the journal *Questions of Philosophy* carries an article by Vladimir Khoros under the deceptively simple title "Russia and the West" which criticises both the Slavophile foundations of much homespun philosophy and the complacent European assumption that all it takes is the end of dictatorship and the issuing of passports for the country to annexe itself obediently to our tradition. Khoros's thesis is that the defining feature of Russian identity is the "protracted condition of intermediate civilisation", caught between the values of eastern Orthodoxy and liberal humanism and finding itself both culturally and geopolitically unable to embark on one direction of development.

Here he has pinpointed the uncertainties which haunt contemporary Russia and bedevil its reforms. Ordinary people may not use such theoretical terms, but they are engaging with the same problems as they restore their grandmother's icon to the wall above the newly acquired video recorder while wondering instinctively whether the rush to the market economy is robbing them of an essential part of their culture. The need to define what is being given and at what cost is pressing. Watching the ethnic conflicts unfold on the country's periphery, they ask themselves where Russia begins and ends, a thorny conundrum given that the birthplace of the Orthodox church is Kiev, capital of the now independent Ukraine, that 25 million Russians live outside the country's borders and that Moscow considers intervention in central Asian conflicts to be both a right and a duty.

> There are dozens of economists and other experts in Yeltsin's coterie, but no philosophers

Perhaps the most fascinating question of the week is whether European and Eurasian thinkers can find common ground on which to debate at all. Like their Greek forebears, the conference participants will be confronted with the issue of whether philosphy can make universal claims and the possibility of establishing values which transcend individual cultures, beliefs and conveniences.

Across the post-communist world, philosophers are discovering how comfortless can be the existence of intellectuals in free societies which are for the most part oblivious to what they think. Whereas Mikhail Gorbachev, prompted by his philosophy-graduate wife Raisa, solicited their support for perestroika, Boris Yeltsin pays scant attention to the academic community. There are dozens of economists and administration experts in his coterie, but no philosophers.

His main rival, the maverick parliamentary chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, has spotted this shortcoming in the democratic camp. He has just published a paper entitled "Russia as the God-Bearing State", whose significance is slight but which is intended to widen the appeal of conservatives to intellectuals by claiming that they alone are interested in how the soul of Russia fares. The battle from now on will be as much for minds as hearts.

For all that, the World Congress of Philosophy is one of those heartening events which should remind us of how far Russia has come with the second anniversary of the defeat of the August coup this weekend serving as an *aide-mémoire*. Only five years ago, the Soviets attended the Brighton conference as a carefully selected phalanx of approved thinkers. There are no delegations this time, just individuals talking to each other in five languages and hoping to find a common tongue.

Many of the domestic participants at yesterday's opening session were in their twenties, an encouraging sign for the future of the subject. The days when philosophy was appended to the Marxist-Leninist department of universities are over and the revival of interest has been swift and robust.

Derrida's post-modernism now seems to be as appealing to the students of Moscow State University as to those in the Sorbonne and, like their French role models, they are keen to play a role in determining the shape of their societies rather than simply aspiring to a window seat in an ivory tower. As the first generation since the revolution to enjoy unrestricted access to both Western thought and the Orthodox tradition, it will fall to them to decide whether any synthesis of the two is possible in the 21st century and thus lay the foundations of how successfully two cultures separated by ideological divides for 70 years can come to understand each other.

For now, however, they have more pressing concerns. Postgraduates are still unable to lay hands on foreign materials for their research, libraries cannot afford to buy them and academic publishing is in a parlous state. The guests in Moscow could perform a service to their subjects by stopping to reflect on the practical needs of their hosts and taking a few addresses home with them.

In my philosophical dictionary, only three Russians merit brief mentions. This is the ideal time for those thinkers who have been able to pursue their work untrammelled by ideological diktats to start helping ensure that future editions include many more.

William Rees-Mogg is on holiday.

The price Britain will pay

Peter Riddell assesses the damage caused by the war in Bosnia



Forget the hand-wringing and assumptions of collective guilt now prevalent over Bosnia. They achieve nothing except a sense of superiority for the moralisers. The only pertinent question for a British politician is whether our national interests have been protected. But on all but the narrowest Powellite definition of the safety of British subjects, the answer is ambivalent. That is not just because of the killing and deprivation in Bosnia, but also because of the current recriminations within Nato, and particularly across the Atlantic.

As anyone who has visited Washington in the past few weeks, or has read the comments of American foreign policy pundits, can testify, Britain's long-term security interests have been undermined by the Western handling of the Bosnian civil war. Blaming Britain may be largely unjustified, but it is a fact.

Western governments have had three choices. First, they could stand back and allow the participants to fight themselves to a standstill, as has been the attitude to the bloody conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This is the view of those like Enoch Powell and Nicholas Budgen who are suspicious when notions of world government challenge the primacy of national interests.

Second, governments could intervene either to preserve the integrity of the original Bosnian state or to limit its dismemberment. The latter is, or rather was, the approach of many of President Bill Clinton's advisers and, in Britain, of a small but diverse group including Lady Thatcher, Patrick Cormack on the Tory benches, Paddy Ashdown of the Liberal Democrats, and Clare Short for Labour, as well as some traditional pro-Palestinian MPs.

Third, the West could seek to alleviate suffering by humanitarian aid and could use diplomatic pressures to encourage a ceasefire, if not a lasting agreement acceptable to all sides, on the grounds that fighting and suffering on the scale of Bosnia is a threat to international stability. That has been the approach of the British, French, and other Western governments and the aim of the mediation efforts of Lord Owen and his associates.

The debate has been partly determined by whether you view the conflict as mainly a civil war or primarily as a Serbian-inspired aggression. But this distinction and arguments about how far the UN should become involved in the internal affairs of states and civil wars have become secondary to whether the West is prepared to commit its troops to enforce a settlement.

BIDDED UP MONDAY

The point was put with characteristic bluntness a few weeks ago by Douglas Hogg, of the Foreign Office: "The essential question is whether the UN member states, in particular Britain, are prepared to put combat troops into Bosnia to wage war. If the answer is no — and that indeed is the answer — people must not encourage the Bosnian Muslims to suppose something different." There is no doubt that in Britain, as elsewhere, there is no public support for risking the lives of troops in this way.

The West has, however, fallen into the trap defined by Mr Hogg. Governments have felt a responsibility to reduce suffering and broker an agreement. Douglas Hurd's argument that even if you cannot solve the problem, at least you can do something, is reasonable, especially in humanitarian aid.

But it is only a partial answer. While opposed to the use of force to end a civil war, the West has raised the hopes of the Bosnian Muslims by issuing warnings to the Bosnian Serbs which have not been followed up with action. Mouthing some of the rhetoric of the interventionists, their policies have had the effect of the non-interventionists, the worst of all worlds. Workable safe havens might have been created and more aid delivered if a credible commitment of troops had been made at an earlier stage. But it was not.

British doubts have appeared too often like obstructionism, even when they were fully justified, as when the government objected in May to American proposals to lifting the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims. At the time, Britain also seemed to be opposed to air strikes. But it now turns out that John Major wrote to Clinton in May supporting the idea of such strikes under tight conditions of the kind recently approved by Nato to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo. Admittedly, the Clinton administration's approach has been confused, ranging from its original one-sided view, via its refusal to commit ground troops even for humanitarian purposes, to the naive belief of some of the president's advisers in the efficacy of precision bombing. Last week's over-candid remarks by Brigadier Vere Hayes were basically right.

In trying to act as a responsible member of the international community, the British government has won few friends. It may have helped save many lives through supplying aid. But its diplomacy has been muddled, seldom putting forward a clear-cut, positive approach and too often raising objections and doubts, however correct they have been in practice.

These contradictions have helped aggravate existing strains within Nato about its proper role in the post-cold-war world. This was reflected in recent administration warnings that failure to act over Sarajevo could seriously jeopardise American support for Nato, especially in Congress, where even previously strong supporters of an American presence in Europe are now very critical of the British and French.

The British policy on Bosnia has underestimated the possible implications for Europe's long-term security of the West's half-hearted approach. What has seemed a sensible short-term pursuit of national interests could be very different in the long-term. It might have been wiser for Britain to go along with earlier collective military action in the interest of longer-term European security. The costs of Bosnia will not be just in the former Yugoslavia.

MPs go to school

SCHOOL-LEAVERS whose summer has been ruined by the scramble for a university place should take heart from the studious behaviour of a number of Tory grandees. In their dotage, they are going back to school and university.

Not least among this band of budding academics is Ivor Stanbrook, the former Conservative MP for Orpington, who stood down at the election and has since become a full-time student at the University of East Anglia at the age of 69.

He is not altogether taken with the dress sense and music taste of some of his fellow students, but university life seems to suit him. "I go in about two days a week. Most of my classmates are of course 50 years younger than me, but it's a great advantage to have spent 30 years at the Bar and 22 years as an MP, because I question the things they teach you," he says.

Stanbrook's subject, a PhD on extradition law, is somewhat specialised and means he spends more time with tutors than students. One or two MPs and ministers have rather less esoteric academic ambitions, however. Robert Jackson, Conservative MP for Wantage, enrolled at Bryanston's summer school to study classical Greek. "It tends to be A-level students who are going to university, but there are half a dozen or so mature students like myself," he says.

Jackson is putting his studies to good use by translating Homer's *Iliad*. And he claims he is not the only one swotting during the recess. "Gillian Shephard has been having someone to help her brush up her French and Douglas Hogg is learning German," says Jackson. But is anyone taking lessons in government?

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Royal rodent

THE Royal Opera House has embarked on its annual maintenance programme during the month-long summer shutdown which began on August 7, and redecoration is under way throughout the building.

One project, however, is assuming an importance beyond all proportion: a mouse has been spotted in the room behind the royal box and valiant attempts are being made to capture it. "It's only ever been seen in the royal retiring rooms. We're trying to lure it out humanely, but it's proving rather more difficult than we thought," says Keith Cooper, director of public affairs.

In the old days, the opera house had its own cats for this sort of caper and there is already talk of their possible reintroduction. Meanwhile, mousetraps have been laid, with the most enticing cheese the opera house has to offer.



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Royal circles should remain concerned, however — for the regal rodent has yet to be tempted.

● *Visitors to the Edinburgh Festival this year cannot fail to notice the new and impressive reproduction 19th-century railings surrounding the Scottish National Gallery. They look good but, more importantly, the £275,000 railings should save the English director, Timothy Clifford, from further embarrassment. Last year, graffiti artists made their mark with a prominent message on the gallery's walls: "English Go Home. Timothy Clifford That Means You."*

Memory lane

THE frustrations of writing one's political memoirs in a climate so saturated with works by cabinet ministers from the Thatcher government boiled over last week when Kenneth Baker was interviewed by *The Bookseller*.

Baker's blow was directed at Sir Norman Fowler, whose memoirs signally failed to stir the book world, let alone the public. "Norman really buggered it up for the rest of us," says Baker with feeling.

As something of a thespian *manqué*, Baker has littered his version of events with quotes from Shakespeare. Perhaps that's why he is so confident of joining Alan Clark in the best-selling league of political peccadillos.

● *In Douglas Hurd's absence, the Foreign Office was far from reassuring yesterday. Alastair Goodlad, the minister of state, is in charge. Asked for Goodlad's response to the possibility of sanctions against Croatia following events in Mostar, a spokesman could not answer: "He (Goodlad) is not up to speed."*

Life in the raw

ONE of the more enduring institutions of Hampstead Heath is under threat. Highgate men's pond is the subject of an enquiry by its owner, the Corporation of London, after complaints about nude sunbathing. It has circulated questionnaires asking whether the practice should continue.

This has caused consternation among those who frequent the pond, where Edward Fox and Frank Bruno have been spotted and A.J.P. Taylor, the historian, regularly dropped by. "If they make the men put their clothes on, they will just end up wearing diaphanous thongs, and that will be much worse," says Michael Lindon, a theatrical agent who has been using the pond for 25 years. "I am worried that the weightlifters are behind the complaint. There is a lot of friction between them and the gays who swan in during the summer."



Sherlock Holmes and friends, dressed for the occasion

Let's drink to Holmes

Brandy is mentioned in 16 out of 60 cases dealt with by Sherlock Holmes, says the London-based Sherlock Holmes Society. Excuse enough, it seems, for its members to dress up next month in Victorian costume and head for Cognac, Bordeaux and Montpellier on a nine-day jaunt.

At least 50 of them will each play a character from the Sherlock Holmes stories. Their trip will take in Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Lafite and Chateau Lascombes in Bordeaux.

"Holmes's French connections are a little more tenuous than his Swiss connections," admits the society's chairman, Philip Porter, who will play the part of the detective. "But in *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, he mentions that he spent several months researching coal tar derivatives in Montpellier. That's our fundamental excuse. It's a reasonable supposition that he was a connoisseur of fine wines." And cognac, presumably.

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UNHAPPY RETURNS

The Chinese have more to fear than to celebrate

The Most Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Bridge Association turned 89 yesterday. He was already officially long retired from all other duties. He was said to be enjoying his birthday in good health.

Nobody in China, however, is expected to believe in Deng Xiaoping's retirement. However little part he plays in government business, he remains the ultimate source of political authority, his words constantly evoked. Nor would many lay much of the money he has urged his countrymen to make on the health of a man not seen in public since January, and even then seen to be shaking, deaf and barely able to speak.

A power struggle is now shaping behind closed doors in anticipation of Mr Deng's death. This ought, in theory, to matter less than it did in Chairman Mao's day. One of the unintended effects of Mr Deng's economic liberalisation has been to loosen Peking's grip on the provinces. Mr Deng said in the 1980s that it mattered not what colour the cat was so long as it caught mice; since then millions of Chinese have become champion mousers.

With that prosperity has come, at least in the cities, a degree of independence from party patronage. Yet the Chinese await the post-Deng era with extreme unease — not because they believe the encomiums heaped on China's "glorious paragon" by the official propaganda machine, but because they know how vulnerable their lives are to a conservative backlash in the absence of the political reforms Mr Deng has consistently refused to countenance.

The tentacles of Mr Deng, the last of the Long March veterans to rule China, reach deep into the party, the bureaucracy and the armed forces: none of his potential successors has anything like so secure a base, and even Mr Deng was compelled to jettison the successors he picked during the 1980s. The Chinese have suffered terribly this century from political turmoil. In a country where neither the constitution nor the law place any real restraints on the arbitrary exercise of power and a million people are estimated to be detained each year without even appearing before a court, "law and order" is an obsession shared by the governing and the governed. A renewed clampdown on dissent in China is a sign of the leadership's anxiety that party control could be weakened in any prolonged power struggle.

A dynastic battle at the top could hardly be more inopportune. Mr Deng's lieutenant, Zhu Rongji, is wrestling with an overheating economy, serious discontent in the countryside, and evidence everywhere that much of the energy unleashed by Mr Deng's economic reforms has found corrupt channels: all developments that render Mr Deng's legacy of "socialism with Chinese characteristics" vulnerable. Internationally, China is still far from recovering the respect it forfeited by crushing the 1989 Tiananmen democracy movement. The position that the armed forces would take in a leadership struggle is uncertain.

Political infighting is inevitable. By comparison with the manoeuvrings in the Zhongnan Hai, the quarter of the Forbidden City reserved to the party leadership, the choosing of a new Pope, when at least the date, the place and the identities of those who decide are public knowledge, is a miracle of democracy. Two years ago, Mr Deng complained that "it is abnormal to let the fate of a country rest on one or two individuals". By that criterion China remains, after 15 years of economic modernisation unmatched by political reform, a singularly abnormal country.

Nothing is more abnormal than the absence of political or constitutional machinery for ensuring a smooth succession when he dies. Mr Deng has increased China's material wealth fourfold; but he will leave it still backward, corrupt and above all, politically ossified and savagely repressed.

THE HAMAS EFFECT

Israel and the PLO must persevere with their talks

In four days Islamic extremists have murdered a former Algerian prime minister, Kasdi Merbah, and made an attempt on the life of Egyptian interior minister, Hassan al-Alfi. These acts confirm once more the movement's pandemic potential. The US has responded to it, in part, by declaring Sudan a "terrorist state". Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation must also respond by frustrating the extremists' goal of destroying the peace process.

Talks resume next week in Washington. If anything can be sure in this mercurial context it is that only from negotiation can a durable solution result. The Israeli government recognises this, as do moderate Palestinians. However, Hamas, the militant Islamic movement in Israel's occupied territories, does not. A collapse in the dialogue will play only into its radical hands.

The major achievement of the peace talks, thus far, has been to engineer a profound change in attitudes. Familiarity at the negotiating table has bred not contempt but more familiarity still. It has also spawned a hardy strain of pragmatism. In apparently healing his rift with the leaders of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, Yassir Arafat placed the Israeli government in a sticky political position. Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, responded in a refreshingly business-like way. His government would talk to the negotiators even though they had been appointed to senior PLO positions.

The killing by Hezbollah of seven soldiers in Israel's "security zone" in southern Lebanon would, at a less delicate time, have ensured a firm military response. Politically, Mr Rabin's Labour government has had to prove itself to be as unyielding as any other on the question of Israel's security. It was this consideration that impelled the emphatic use of force in Lebanon in July. The restrained response to this latest provocation by Hezbollah has earned Mr Rabin serious criticism from the Israeli right, with former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir particularly shrill. The right has also condemned the government's stance on the Palestinian delegation and its plan for the phased repatriation of the Palestinian deportees.

It is clear that Mr Rabin will pay a domestic political price for his conciliation, but the rewards are far more substantial. It is the Palestinians who are in the fragile position. Mr Arafat has to handle his delegation to the peace talks carefully. "A friendship taken up again needs more care than a friendship never dropped", as Rochefoucauld put it. The PLO is, also, hard-up, largely the result of Mr Arafat's flaws of strategy and temperament. His paymasters, particularly the Saudis, have not forgiven him his support for the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Two senior members have withdrawn from the PLO's Executive Committee in protest over Mr Arafat's leadership.

It is in the best interests of the PLO for Mr Arafat to keep a modest profile. It would be astute to entrust greater responsibility to the moderates from the Occupied Territories. It is they who are best placed to sell, or impose, an enlightened agenda on those who live there. Moderate Palestinians, with secular goals, are Israel's natural allies in the fight against Hamas, which is funded by, among others, the Iranians. If Mr Rabin once saw Hamas as a counter to the PLO, he should now see the PLO as a counter to Hamas. He should follow his reason all the way.

THIRD AGE GOLD

New races are ready for older runners

In the long run, old age is an incurable disease. But some of those afflicted by its passage seem to be growing cheerfully restless. At an age when sprinters were formerly considered to have one running-spike in the grave, Linford Christie has come within a hundredth of a second of running the 100-metres faster than anybody since stop-watches were invented. Meanwhile Graham Gooch has become England's most prolific scorer of runs in Test matches at the beach-cricketing age of 40.

Ivor Stanbrook, the former MP for Orpington, has gone up to the University of East Anglia as a student at the age of 69, while Robert Jackson (aged 46), the former Minister for the Civil Service, has just spent two intensive weeks at the Greek summer school at Bryanston in Dorset, with 200 other (teenaged) beginners.

A 58-year-old British woman is five months pregnant with twins after fertility treatment at a Rome clinic, while Anthony Quinn, the actor great-grandfather aged 78, has just fathered a daughter by a woman other than his wife. When asked about his sex life when he was Quinn's age, Sophocles replied glumly: "Hush, man; I am delighted to have escaped from sex, as though I had escaped from a mad and savage master." Quinn put it more robustly: "Kathy [his secretary for the last nine years] said she wanted a child by me. I said, 'I don't know if I can.' Well, I could."

These may be signs that the last great heresy of ageism is waning. The cult of youth has gone too far. The gap between between adolescence and obsolescence has been too far shrunk. At an age when Victorians would have considered workers in their prime, they are now deemed unemployable. In such great trades as news-reading, public relations and modelling, women as old as 30 are considered past it.

Much wisdom, integrity and experience is wasted by this ageist prejudice — and much money. As people retire and live longer on pensions, the Grey Panthers of the Third Age often have more money to spend, and better ideas than the young of how to spend it. A lively and outward-looking mind, which considers that old age lies about 15 years ahead of whatever happens to be the age of the mind's owner, is the best antidote to the physical defects of growing older. The petition to give pensioners free television licences is sentimental and patronising. Old age needs enough money to live comfortably on, and should then decide for itself how to spend it, preferably on something more enterprising than watching television. In taking university courses and evening classes, travelling with a theme to broaden the mind and other social and intellectual occupations, people of mature age are ripe for anything, and have more opportunities to do something useful than before. The grown-ups of the Western world should become once again role-models for their feckless youngers and silliers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Decision on status of Muslim school

From the Director of the Muslim Educational Trust

Sir, Your leader ("Perversity and prejudice", August 20) on the rejection of Islamia primary school's application for voluntary-aided status is to be applauded for its balanced, commonsense approach to the issue. As you rightly say, the decision "has simply reiterated the department's original argument", so this can hardly be described as the government's "new policy" on Muslim schools. As the original refusal in 1990 was judged by the High Court to be "manifestly unfair", how can the same reason be used again?

Islamia primary school is looked to for inspiration by other independent Muslim schools in Britain. Aided status for Islamia would not, however, have opened flood-gates to others. Muslim educationists acknowledge that schools must meet certain *educational* criteria to qualify for aid; we are not asking for special treatment to get round such criteria, merely equal treatment. It appears, though, that Muslim schools, no matter how excellent they may be in every respect, will never be allowed to meet the criteria of the *political* agenda of this government.

The recent policy changes made in respect of the national curriculum and testing requirements are most welcome. Perhaps it is time for the same spirit to be applied to redress the imbalance and inequality in the government's approach to Muslims and their educational concerns.

Yours faithfully,
GHULAM SARWAR,
Director,
The Muslim Educational Trust,
130 Stroud Green Road, N4.
August 20.

From Mr Ron Ellis

Sir, Your leading article warrants a cautious warning on its blind optimism about the introduction of a state-aided Muslim school in Brent, or elsewhere in Britain.

Your comment that government ministers "are very unwise if they assume that Islamic militancy will be fuelled more by separate Muslim schooling", could possibly have hit on the core of the reason why the education minister, Baroness Blatch, has *come down on the side of common* sense.

I, and many like me, are desperately worried about the likelihood of state funding of such schools, and the ensuing nurture of Islamic militancy in this country that could follow.

Yours faithfully,
RON ELLIS,
5 Westbrook Road, Milton,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

From Father David Lawrence-March

Sir, As a Christian priest who has worked in education for the past four years, first in a voluntary-aided secondary school and more recently in the independent sector, I am dismayed by the decision of Baroness Blatch to deny voluntary-aided status to the Islamic primary school in Brent.

Lady Blatch and others who oppose the granting of such status to schools outside the Judaeo-Christian traditions would do well to recall some words from the archbishops' report, *Faith in the City* (1985):

For Christ came to serve amid the complex realities of his own time and is still glorified by the service of those who take seriously the religious quest and the religious inheritance of those around them.

Yours faithfully,
D. LAWRENCE-MARCH,
Bearwood College,
Bear Wood, Wokingham, Berkshire.
August 19.

Surrey cricket

From Mr M. J. Edwards

Sir, Few people would disagree with Canon Eric James (letter, August 14) that "the ills of cricket require ... a vigorous and relentless scrutiny".

However, his implied criticism of Surrey in respect of our youth development programme is very wide of the mark. In the past three years, Surrey professional cricketers have delivered well over 200 six-week coaching courses in the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Wandsworth alone. In this way, more than 6,000 children have received expert coaching as an introduction to the game.

This year I have organised 15 cricket tournaments, both indoor and outdoor, for inner-London children, most of whom have never played a school match before.

Canon James is, of course, quite right to point to the lack of facilities, particularly in Lambeth where there is not a single club ground and only one *municipal facility*. With *this in* mind, I am arranging a dozen school matches at club grounds in Wandsworth and Southwark in 1994, involving schools not currently playing proper cricket.

Within our financial constraints, *maximum activity at youth level is* Surrey cricket council's objective.

Yours faithfully,
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August 17.

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Mothers' choice on the question of childbirth at home

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Midwives

Sir, Like many others who have challenged the Cumberlege report on "changing childbirth", Dr Thomas Stuttaford ("When a mother's feelings come second", Body and Mind, August 17) has concentrated on its least important aspect — namely home birth.

The report is first and foremost about accepting that women have the right to choice in the care of themselves and their babies wherever that care is given, and its underlying principle is that women can be trusted to make safe decisions in these areas. "No one has greater interest in a healthy baby and a happy outcome than the pregnant woman herself," the report states.

This is not fantasy. It was women who first questioned the value of high levels of induction rates and the routine use of machines to monitor their babies' heart rates. The medical and midwifery professions only followed on and, although in small numbers, it was women who continued to ask for the right to home birth, and subsequent analysis has shown no justification for encouraging all women to deliver in hospital.

With sensitive and skilled support and selection by midwives and general practitioners many more women can have their babies away from consultant units, with very positive outcomes. Where deaths at home have been studied it is clear that the numbers are so statistically low that they must represent the level below *which they are unlikely ever to fall.*

Yours faithfully,
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August 17.

From Dr M. J. V. Bull

Sir, Both as a recently retired GP with a long-term interest in maternity care and as a husband who once witnessed the stillbirth of his first son after three healthy daughters (all of them in hospital), I must give my wholehearted support to Dr Stuttaford's views on the implications of the Cumberlege report.

When I entered practice some 40 years ago, 40 per cent of births still occurred in the home, even in an urban practice. I remember particularly well a normally born infant that just did not breathe, despite our strenuous efforts at resuscitation. Today, in the hospital setting, with the expertise and equipment for intubation and ventilation readily to hand, that baby might have survived; but, in the home, it could even now be just as chancy.

Some reactionary members of our profession and, sadly, some midwives who have not had children themselves, view childbirth through rose-tinted spectacles and decry medical intervention on the very false premise that nature knows best. In my experience, "Mother" Nature is often a very poor obstetrician, as anyone who has worked in the third world is very well aware.

Fortunately, in Oxford over the past 25 years, first at the Churchill hospital, later at the John Radcliffe, we have had the advantage of an independent maternity unit for the patients of GPs and community midwives within the district obstetric hospital. More traditional styles of care can be offered in such units and instant backup by obstetric and *paediatric specialists is available in an* emergency. Over 15,000 mothers have now been delivered in these units, with high consumer satisfaction and extremely low perinatal mortality rates.

It is a pity that this model has not been more widely emulated elsewhere. Less than 1 per cent of mothers nationally now opt for home births and I do not see this figure rising significantly, notwithstanding Cumberlege. Most women are far too sensible.

I remain, etc,
MICHAEL BULL,
7 Lewis Close, Headington, Oxford.
August 18.

From Mrs Robert Jowitt

Sir, Make no mistake, Cumberlege would not have dared risk the wrath of the medical establishment merely to let women have happy birth experiences, never mind the consequences. No. Cumberlege accepts the findings of last year's Winterton report on maternity services, which showed home birth to be as safe, if not safer, than hospital birth.

Perhaps the advisory group also *recognises the link between the mother's* body and mind in childbirth, a link often pooh-poohed by the obstetricians, who find it difficult to believe that maternal distress leads to foetal distress. Hospitals are notoriously stressful places — for patients as well *as staff.*

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET JOWITT,
Walford Lodge, Walford,
Craven Arms, Shropshire.
August 18.

From Mrs Kate Smith

Sir, What makes a low-risk woman's home a safe enough place in which to give birth normally are the skills and experience of those attending her. Dr Stuttaford tells a reassuring story of how, years ago, he successfully assisted at an unexpectedly difficult home delivery. He is presumably implying that he no longer has the skills to do so, or no longer feels the confidence or the incentive to use them. Sadly, that would make him similar to a large number of GPs currently practising.

Putting normal births into a high-tech environment is not going to solve the problem of GPs who are under-skilled, under-confident and under-rewarded in normal obstetric care. *Training, re-training and an appro*priate fee system would be better answers.

The Cumberlege report makes a comprehensive, positive case for making women's (and their partners') overall experience of birth a para*mount consideration, now that deaths* among newborns are at an all-time low and set to stay there.

Yours faithfully,
KATE SMITH
(Member, The National
Childbirth Trust),
1 Hillcrest, Crich,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
August 17.

Optimum population

From Mr Wouter A. Meijer

Sir, Your were right to pour scorn on the concept of "optimum population" (your leader, "Opt pop", and Nigel Hawkes's article, "It's nonsense, naturally", August 10).

Who is to define the optimum? Even assuming that such a notion could gain general acceptance (unlikely, given that it has found little or no support in the UN or in any UN agency), how could the criteria for *calculating the optimum for each* country or each region be agreed? And given the deep mistrust within the international community of demographically driven fertility goals, what measures for achieving the optimum would be acceptable? The concept is indeed naive.

You were wrong, however, then to imply that there is no population problem: and it was disingenuous of your leader writer to quote a UN projection for 150 years into the future, a projection which the UN itself regards as highly speculative, while ignoring its far more reliable short-term projections and analysis of the associated problems.

According to "State of World Population 1993":

Of the estimated one billion poor people in developing regions, some 450 million now live in low-potential agricultural areas. A similar number live in ecologically vulnerable areas susceptible to soil erosion, floods and other environmental hazards. These critical zones cannot sustain current inhabitants, let alone future generations.

The successful nations of the Pacific rim today are precisely those who have managed to substantially reduce their population growth rates. To suggest that increasing numbers are good for the economy is to hark back to the golden age of Adam Smith, a time of unlimited resources and boundless nature waiting to be exploited. That world has gone forever.

Yours faithfully,
WOUTER A. MEIJER
(Director, World Population
Foundation),
Derkinderenlaan 14, 1251 EM,
Laren, The Netherlands.
August 13.

From Mr David Willey

Sir, While our World Optimum Population Conference in Cambridge may not have produced very many right answers, we do feel we were asking the right questions, including the most important question of all: "What world population would be compatible with a good quality of life for everybody everywhere?"

In struggling to find some sort of answer to this — correct to the nearest billion? — one principle became increasingly clear. If average quality of life is to go up, then the number of people involved must eventually go down, not least because a major component of a good quality of life is a "highish" standard of living.

So far as the UK is concerned, the "optimum population" will depend on the indicator chosen from: food, energy, transport, space, environment, countryside, recreation, tourism and others.

After taking all these into consideration, together with due pinches of salt, we had to conclude that the optimum could not be more than 30 million and was probably far less.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILLEY (Chairman,
Optimum Population Trust),
12 Meadowgate,
Urmston, Manchester 31.
August 16.

Marble halls

From The Commissioner of the Hong Kong Government Office

Sir, Mr P. R. Millest (letter, August 18) is concerned about the refurbishment of Government House in Hong Kong. The expenditure is, of course, the responsibility of the Hong Kong government and not the British government. The total cost will therefore be met by Hong Kong not United Kingdom tax payers.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN YAXLEY,
Commissioner,
Hong Kong Government Office,
6 Grafton Street, W1.
August 19.

From Mr Geoffrey N. Silman

Sir, Having read the letter from Mr P. R. Millest on the subject of the refurbishment of Government House, Hong Kong, I can only assume that the expenditure to which he refers is being incurred to comply with the covenants in the lease.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY N. SILMAN,
3-4 The Village,
North End Way, NW3.
August 18

Not made of stone

From Dr John Philip, FRS

Sir, The Statue of Liberty is no "stone lady" (television review, August 17), but an iron lady with a copper skin.

Sincerely,
JOHN PHILIP,
CNRS Laboratoire des Phénomènes
de Transport dans les Mélanges,
Immeuble Asterama 2,
Avenue du Téléport,
F-86360 Chasseneuil du Poitou,
France.
August 20.

Tory loyalties

From Mr Kenneth Warren

Sir, As a Conservative member of Parliament during the whole of Cecil Parkinson's varying career in the House of Commons, I am wondering if he and the Lord Parkinson whose hectoring article in "Forword" you quote (August 20) are in any way related. If they are, then there must have been a transfiguration through which he passed as he entered the Lords, because he has clearly forgotten the party loyalty he always enjoined upon his colleagues in the Commons.

I ask him to remind himself of the saying which has always been at the fingertips of secretaries: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party."

Yours faithfully,
K. R. WARREN
(Conservative MP for Hastings, 1970-83, and Hastings and Rye, 1983-92),
Woodfield House, Goudhurst, Kent.
August 20.

Cures or placebos?

From Mr David Simons

Sir, Surely Dr E. J. McGrath (letter, August 14) unwittingly points out a basic flaw in the modern practice of homoeopathy.

The homoeopathic drug industry increasingly seems to be geared to the same criteria as its orthodox counterpart, in that most pharmacists now stock a range of prepackaged tablets, each bottle indicating the symptom at which the tablets are specifically targeted.

It would therefore appear that commercial expedience is making a mockery of an essential of true homoeopathy, namely the fundamental importance of the relation between symptom and life characteristics of a *particular sufferer.*

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SIMONS,
The Old Mill,
Calver Road,
Baslow, Derbyshire.
August 14.

Critics' choice

From Mr Alan Bradley

Sir, What punishment might the *Mikado have thought fitting for* drama and film critics who give away what are meant to be surprises for the audience?

Your reviewer of *The Tempest* at Stratford (August 13) describes how it begins with "a stage stripped of everything but a hamper from which there suddenly and alarmingly jumps a pale bulky figure", an effect clearly intended to startle, but now ruined for those of your readers unfortunate enough to have read your review.

Sadly, this is no isolated incidence of the deplorable practice.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BRADLEY,
30 Old Burlington Street, W1.

From Mr D. J. Bluestone

Sir, In the Rear View section (August 14) your critic writes of *Come Dancing*: "It's all very peculiar, a graceful ritual performed to horrible music by hairdressers and office workers."

Is *all* the music written by hairdressers and office workers, or just a significant amount of it? How does he know — is he a connoisseur of the genre? Since he finds the music "horrible", it is unlikely.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BLUESTONE
(Non-dancing office worker)
741 High Road, N12.
August 18.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R.G. Ainley and Miss V.L. Panton
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Ainley, of South Newington, Oxfordshire, and Victoria, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Panton, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr R. Granger and Miss S. Farzad
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr M. Granger, of London, and Lady Noel-Buxton, of Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Mrs M. Farzad and the late Mr F. Farzad.

Mr M.D. Griffin and Miss J.O. Coghlin
The engagement is announced between Mark David, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Griffin, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, and Juliet Olivia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Coghlin, of Keymer, West Sussex.

Mr C.W.G. Hadcock and Miss C.J. Harper
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr George Hadcock, of Wootton, Derbyshire and Mrs Margaret Hadcock, of Clapham, London, and Camilla, younger daughter of the Rev Roger and Mrs Harper, of St Marks, Isle of Man.

Mr M. Ilott and Miss S. Bishop
Mr and Mrs John Ilott are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest son Mark (the Essex and England cricketer) to Miss Sandra Bishop, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Bishop, of Northwood.

***Mr P.R. Jagger* and Miss H.I. Green**
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of the late Arthur and Ruby Jagger, and Harriet, eldest daughter of Andrew and Jane Green, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr S.N. Nurney and Miss G.M. Macwhirter
The engagement is announced between Simon Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Nurney, of Poringland, Norfolk, and Gillian Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Macwhirter, of Poynton, Cheshire.

Mr T.B. Stafford and Mrs J. Westacott
The engagement is announced between Thomas Bethune (Kip) Stafford, of Chillesford, Suffolk, and Jane, widow of John B. Westacott, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Dr P.W. Kleyn and Miss J.L. Blight
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 21, 1993, at All Saints Church, Bisham, of Dr Patrick Willem Kleyn, son of Dr and Mrs Henri Kleyn, of Chavenay, France, and Miss Julie Blight, daughter of Dr Barry Blight and Mrs Remington Norman, of London. The Rev Charles Chadwick officiated.

Mr J. Odgers and Miss R. Campbell
The marriage took place on July 31, 1993, at Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire, between Mr John Odgers, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Odgers, of Brome House, West Malling, Kent, and Miss *Romayne Campbell, daughter of* Air Vice Marshal and Mrs K. Archie Campbell, of Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Tracey Campbell and Mr John Laughland was best man.

Service appointments

Army

Brigadier
L D Curran - To MOD, 23.8.93

Colonels
B F Cox - To 21 Liaison HQ France, 23.8.93.
J C W Williams - To MOD, 23.8.93.

Lieutenant Colonels
M D Chambers R Anglian - to be Co Queen's Univ OTC 23.8.93; J R W Dutton RA - to RMCS, 23.8.93; I D Edwards RE - to be Comd Engr HQ Mil Wks Fce, 23.8.93; A M Gibson AAC - to be CO 1 Regt AAC, 23.8.93; C N Guthkelch RE -to RAF Staff Coll (Staff) 23.8.93; N J H Hinton 2GR - to be CO 6 GR, 23.8.93; A W H H Macleod RE - to be CO 38 Engr Regt, 23.8.93; M F N Mans RE - to be CO 21 Engr Regt, 23.8.93; C J Martindill AGC (ETS) - to be Comd AES Cyprus 27.8.93.

Royal Air Force

Wing Commander
E R Hannaford - to NATO Staff Northwood 16.8.93; J R Jones - to MOD/D Air Def 16.8.93; W Rice - to RAF PMC 23.8.93; P D Wilson - to HQRAFSC 23.8.93; K L Sherif - to RAF Halton 23.8.93; J D Bell - to RAF Tunsworth 23.8.93; J G Wreatcroft - to D Spt (POL) (RAF) 23.8.93.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mark Kichenside, Vicar, St James the Great, Blendon: to be Vicar, St John, Welling (Rochester).

The Rev David Marston, non-stipendiary minister with permission to officiate, diocese Liverpool: to be non-stipendiary Minister, All Saints' and All Souls', Southport (Liverpool).

The Rev Jonathan Pearce, Curate, Newport Pagnell w Lathbury and Moulsoe (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, High Beach and Upshire in the Waltham Abbey Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

The Rev Mary Tillman, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Matthew, Bridgemary, Gosport: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), All Saints', Portsea, and adviser in ministry to people with disabilities (Portsmouth).

The Rev William Watts, Assistant Curate, South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter): to be Team Vicar, Swanage and Studland Team Ministry (Salisbury).

Nature notes

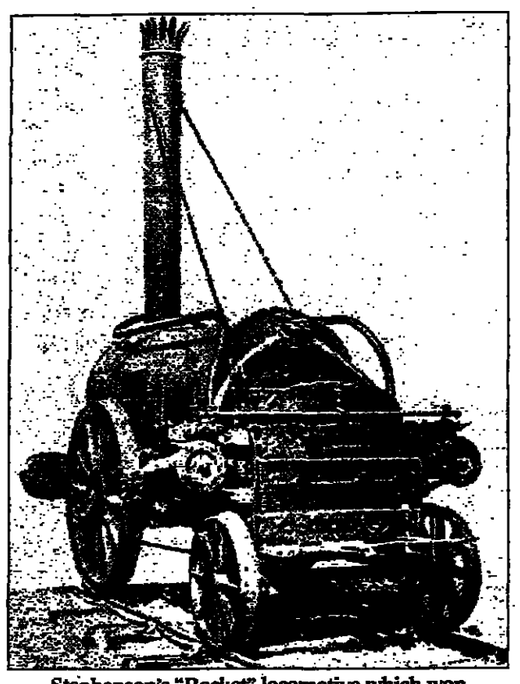
Linnets and greenfinches are gathering in small flocks to feed: they like to descend on clumps of charlock and persicaria and eat the seeds. When disturbed, they swing off into the sky, the greenfinches calling with a hard twitter, the linnets making softer, twanging notes. Yellowhammers are joining up with house sparrows on fieldside paths to look for spilt grain. Coal tits are beginning to sing again: they have a more rapid, piping song than the great tits. Grey wagtails (which have bright yellow breasts) are leaving the fast-running streams where they nested, and appearing by lakes and ponds.


The linnet

In some cornfields there are many flowers among the stubble: creamy-yellow field pansies, scarlet pimpernels, and the bright blue and white eyes of the sprawling fields of speedwell. Another plant occasionally seen with them, especially on sandy soils, is chaffweed: the tiny pink or white flowers, almost hidden between the stem and the leaf, are amongst the smallest flowers found in Europe. Hawthorn berries are turning bright red, and the first leaves are changing colour beside them. There are clusters of ripe elderberries where they have not been stripped down to their pink stems by woodpigeons and blackbirds. Fat, juicy blackberries are also waiting to be picked.

DJM


TED DITCHBURN
Jim Coulson, of the Robert Stephenson Trust, looking around the former Stephenson locomotive factory in Newcastle yesterday


Stephenson's "Rocket" locomotive which won the £500 prize in the Rainhill trials of 1829

Railway works get new head of steam

BY JOHN YOUNG

The world's first railway locomotive factory in Newcastle upon Tyne, where George Stephenson developed the "Rocket", is to be restored as a museum.

English Heritage has awarded a £100,000 grant to the Robert Stephenson Trust, named after his son, for essential repair work to the construction shed and offices at 20 South Street, Newcastle, part of George Stephenson's original railway works. Support has also been promised by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation and Sir Robert McAlpine.

The elder Stephenson, best known for creating the Rocket, was instrumental in making the steam engine an economically viable product. The museum will use models, contemporary documents and other material to demonstrate the development of the locomotive and Stephenson's other important inventions. The engine built at 20 South Street, known as the Stephenson locomotive, was also produced, with local modifications, all over Europe, India and North America.

Th site is the last remaining *Stephenson & Co factory* which retains its industrial grandeur. It was the first to make extensive use of glass in buildings other than conservatories, and the drainage system allowed multi-pitched roofs to cover huge areas.

The works were built between 1820 and 1835 and incorporate a Georgian townhouse used as the company's offices. The trust has launched an appeal to fund the remaining restoration and conversion. Donations can be sent to the appeal treasurer at 39 Newton Road, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, TS9 6DT.


George Stephenson, who built the Rocket

Remains of 'first Welshmen' found

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MORE early human remains have been identified in deposits 200,000 years old in a Welsh cave. Placed within the general category of Neanderthal Man, the remains from Pontnewydd Cave are the most northwesterly specimens in Europe.

The new find, made during examination of numerous fragments of bone debris from the cave, consists of a lower right side first molar tooth with heavy wear. "It can confidently be attributed to an adult of mature years," Dr Stephen Aldhouse-Green, of the National Museum of Wales, said. "It is important because it increases the number of individuals represented at the site.

"All of the remains found so far have been examined by Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum, and we are now sure of at least two adults and from two to five juveniles. The previous adult found was in his or her twenties: the new find shows survival to a greater age," Dr Aldhouse-Green said.

Pontnewydd Cave, which lies a few miles southwest of St Asaph in Clwyd, is one of very *few sites in Britain to yield* early human remains: probably the most notable discovery so far is the Swanscombe Skull, dating to around 250,000 years ago and found in two fragments in northern Kent in 1935 and 1955.

Both it and the Welsh finds are now placed by palaeoanthropologists within the species of archaic *Homo sapiens*, an ancestor of both modern humans and the beetle-browed Classic Neanderthalers that lived in western Europe between about 100,000 and 35,000 years ago.

Recent controversy about the direct ancestry of modern humans, *Homo sapiens sapiens*, suggesting that our subspecies originated in Africa and only entered Europe around 50,000 years ago, leaves the precise relationship between what Dr Aldhouse-Green has called "the first Welshmen" and later inhabitants ambiguous.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Mr Geoff Capes, shot putter, 44; Mr Joseph E. Connor, former chairman, Price Waterhouse World Firm, 62; Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, former chairman, Rothmans International, 74; Dr Carl Dolmetsch, director, Haslemere Festival, 82; Sir John Fairclough, former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Cabinet Office, 63; Mr Alexander Gilmour, former chairman, National Playing Fields Association, 62; Sir John Hoskyns, former director-general, Institute of Directors, 66; Lord Kissin, 81; Mr S. Kitchen, chartered accountant, 80; Commandant Anthea Larken, former director, WRNS, 55; Mr Peter Lilley, M.P, 50; Dr Onora O'Neill, principal, Newnham College, Cambridge, 52; Mr Bob Peck, actor, 48; Mr James Quinn, former director, British Film Institute, 74; Miss Helen Rees, former director, Design Museum, 33; Mr Willy Russell, author, 46; Sir Roy Strong, former director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 58; Mr Peter Thomson, golfer, 64; Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, 62; Sir Brian Young, former chairman, Christian Aid, 71.


Gene Kelly, the dancer and singer, is 81 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis XVI, King of France 1774-93, Versailles, 1754; Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, Brook Hall, Norfolk, 1768; Georges Cuvier, Baron Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Montbeliard, France, 1769; Arnold Toynbee, social philosopher, London, 1852; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, Garnett, Kansas, 1869; William Ernest Henley, writer, Gloucester, 1849; Eleutherios Venizelos, five times Prime Minister of Greece, Crete, 1864; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, Gillingham, Kent, 1885; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1905; Keith Moon, rock drummer, Wembley, 1947.

DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, executed, London, 1305; Luis de Leon, mystic and poet, Madrigal de las Atlas, Spain, 1591; George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, statesman and royal favourite, assassinated, Portsmouth, 1628; Charles Augustin de Coulomb, physicist, Paris, 1806; Alexander Wilson, ornithologist and poet, Philadelphia, 1813; *Rudolph Valentino, silent film* actor, New York, 1926; Adolf Loos, architect, Vienna, 1933; Roy Chadwick, aeronautical engineer, killed on a test flight, 1947; Roger Martin du Gard, novelist, Nobel laureate 1937, Normandy, 1958; Oscar Hammerstein II, song writer, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1960.

Britain took Hong Kong from China, 1839.

The 'Blitz' on London began, 1940.

Appointments in the Forces

Territorial Army promotions
The Ministry of Defence announces the following promotions:

Major to Lieutenant Colonel
Lt Col J R Arkell TD RY, Lt Col J Astbury TD RLC, Lt Col N R Beard RWF, Lt Col N Brewer TD RLC, Lt Col R E Chatwonthy TD RLC, Lt Col A E Davies TD RLC, Lt Col L M Evanson-Goddard RLC, Lt Col A D Fenals OBE TD PWO, Lt Col K M H George RLC, Lt Col S Gowen RE, Lt Col W K Griffiths TD RLC, Lt Col S S Haywood TD RLC, Lt Col H E Homewood RLC, Lt Col M J N Hughes TD RLC, Lt Col R D L Hughes TD RLC, Lt Col M P Hyde TD RLC, Lt Col J A Iredale TD DWR, Lt Col R M Laing TD RLC, Lt Col M E Lamb TD PWO, Lt Col A F Lawrence RLC, Lt Col T Lees TD RLC, Lt Col C W M Milner-Williams TD RLC, Lt Col D M Moore RLC, Lt Col D T Morgan TD RLC, Lt Col E M Morrow TD RLC, Lt Col P J Mortimer OSO TD PWO, Lt Col P J Mount TD RLC, Lt Col R Othen RLC, Lt Col R A Pow TD RLC, Lt Col D J Sanders TD RLC, Lt Col J Schreuder RLC, Lt Col F M Scott TD RLC, Lt Col Seccombe TD RMLY, Lt Col C J Thewsley TD RLC, Lt Col D Swanson RLC, Lt Col W J Towyn MBE TD, Green Howards, Lt Col J P A J Turner TD RLC, Lt Col E G Waite-Roberts TD RLC, Lt Col R M Wilkinson TD RLC

Captain to Major
Maj R M Aicken TD RLC, Maj P J Alndow TD RLC, Maj W Aitken TD RLC, Maj A J Anspach RLC, Maj F C Armstrong RLC, Maj T J Ashman RLC, Maj B Aveyard RLC, Maj S A Barker RLC, Maj A F Barnes RLC, Maj C Barrington Brown RA, Maj M A Bartlett RA, Maj N Beech TD PWO, Maj P E Begley RLC, Maj I C Bennet TD RLC, Maj K E Bensaid RLC, Maj R K V Bensaid RLC, Maj M P Biegel, Green Howards, Maj B J Billinghurst RLC, Maj A P Boddy QRL, Maj N A Bonney RLC, Maj R M Booker TD PWO, Maj A J Boulton TD RLC, Maj D M Bradshaw TD RLC, Maj K J Brown, Green Howards, Maj R H Brown TD RE, Maj R T Brown TD RLC, Maj B T W Brown TD RLC, Maj J Burriss RLC, Maj J M Butler TD RLC, Maj K Callaghan QGM RLC, Maj D J Cameron RLC, Maj C M Capbell-Hayes TD RLC, Maj S F Camson RLC, Maj B W Carter RLC, Maj R C Castle RLC, Maj J M Chapman TD RLC, Maj G A Chilver RLC, Maj D P Clark RLC, Maj P J Cockbill RLC, Maj S H Coggon TD RLC, Maj E S Colquhoun TD RLC, Maj C J Cooper RLC, Maj P J Cox, PWO, Maj R P Critchlow, Green Howards, Maj C Cross TD RLC, Maj J I Cruickshank TD RLC, Maj A Davidson RLC, Maj P R Davies RLC, Maj M J Davis, R Signals, Maj I F Dempster TD RLC, Maj J A Domican RLC, Maj P M Doran TD RLC, Maj A N Duff R ANGLIAN, Maj C G Duffell TD RLC, Maj G D Edmonston-Low TD RLC, Maj G H S Elliot RLC, Maj K R G Evans TD RLC.

Maj N H Farquhar, Green Howards, Maj C M Felton RLC, Maj D J Ferry TD RLC, Maj F Fewster POW, Maj G C Finlay TD RLC, Maj K T Fisher TD RLC, Maj D M Forsythe UD RLC, Maj W Foulkes TD RLC, Maj R J Fox RCT, Maj GM K Fraser RLC, Maj T D Frost TD RLC, Maj C A Gallagher, Green Howards, Maj M P Galvin RLC, Maj J Gibbons TD RLC, Maj B P Gilfether MBE, R Signals, Maj L S A Gillham TD RLC, Maj D C B Girdwood TD RLC, Maj E Goble RLC, Maj J E Griffin RLC, Maj B O H Griffiths TD RLC, Maj A Hagon TD RLC, Maj R C Hambleton RLC, Maj J W Hardiman RLC, Maj D Harwood TD The London Regt, Maj C J Haynes *TD RLC, Maj A R Hignett RLC, Maj C* W Hodgson RE, Maj S J Holman TD RLC, Maj I M Holroyd TD RLC, Maj R A Hood TD RLC, Maj D E Hopkins TD, Green Howards, Maj G Hopwood RLC, Maj L T Horner RAMC, Maj A R Hunt RLC, Maj J Hunt RLC, Maj A J Hurst RLC.

Maj D T Inman RLC, Maj A Jack RLC, Maj P R James TD RLC, Maj F L Jeffery RLC, Maj P A Jones RAMC, Maj S M Joyner RLC, Maj K Kan RLC, Maj R J Laird RLC, Maj D Lampling RLC, Maj D M Lamplugh RA, Maj R Lane RLC, Maj R P G Le Marchand Gen List, Maj J M Lilley TD RLC, Maj J Limmer TD RLC, Maj D J MacDougall TD RLC, Maj P V Malling RLC, Maj A C F Manning PWO, Maj H C Manuel RLC, Maj T A Markwick RLC, Maj P Marples TD RLC, Maj M F Marshall RLC, Maj P J Marshall RLC, Maj P J Marsland-Roberts TD RLC, Maj C G Matthews-Maxwell TD RLC, Maj J C McClean, R Signals, Maj M J McCoig RLC, Maj F McKay RLC, Maj D F McKeown TD RLC, Maj K I McKinnon RLC, Maj H E McClean RLC, Maj G W C McPeake RLC, Maj J P Mooney The London Regt, Maj W J Mooney RLC, Maj J Morters TD RLC.

Maj R H Naqui TD RLC, Maj A N Notley MBE TD RLC, Maj D M Oliver TD RLC, Maj R M Owsley RLC, Maj R C Page RLC, Maj D M Palmer RLC, Maj R J Parker RY, Maj G W Penrose RLC, Maj M L Perkins TD RLC, Maj M J Pether RLC, Maj G A Pollard RLC, Maj D Potter PWO, Maj A E Potton TD RLC, Maj C D Powell QLR.

Maj B G Raggett TD RLC, Maj S A Rees RLC, Maj R A Rosser TD RLC, Maj A J D Salter TD The London Regt, Maj R C Santon TD RLC, Maj V T Schofield RLC, Maj D R Shankar RAMC, Maj M J Sheen TD RLC, Maj M A A Smart RLC, Maj J C E Smith TD RLC, Maj M A A Smith MBE RLC, Maj R J Smith, RLC, Maj R D Snart RLC, Maj R J Sobey RLC, Maj L H Soo RAMC, Maj H M Spindler RLC, Maj E A St Quinton TD RLC, Maj G F Stanford RLC, Maj J R Stewart TD RLC, Maj R S Storrie RLC, Maj J P Sykes RLC, Maj W J F Tambling TD RLC, Maj A V Thompson RLC, Maj B A Thornton RLC, Maj H G Timmar TD Gen List, Maj J D Tydeman, R Signals, Maj R L Usher, The London Regt, Maj A Vaughan TD RLC, Maj P J Wainman TD RLC, Maj J E J Wakley TD RLC, Maj T N Warry RCL, Maj J T Warwick TD RLC, Maj P Watson RLC, Maj W A Watt TD RLC, Maj D West TD RLC, Maj C A Whewell QARANC, Maj J F Whittaker RLC, Maj P D Williams RLC, Maj W P Wilmowski RLC, Maj N R Wilmshurst RLC, Maj A G Wise MBE TD RLC, Maj M J Wit RLC, Maj C J M Wood TD PWO, Maj R Wood TD, Green Howards, Maj N Woodland TD RLC, Maj D Woods TD RLC, Maj R O Wyllie TD PWO, Maj W M Young TD RLC

Ball

22nd (Cheshire) Regiment
Officers of the 3rd (V) Battalion the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment held their Summer ball in Chester on Saturday.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Mr Geoff Capes, shot putter, 44; Mr Joseph E. Connor, former chairman, Price Waterhouse World Firm, 62; Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, former chairman, Rothmans International, 74; Dr Carl Dolmetsch, director, Haslemere Festival, 82; Sir John Fairclough, former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Cabinet Office, 63; Mr Alexander Gilmour, former chairman, National Playing Fields Association, 62; Sir John Hoskyns, former director-general, Institute of Directors, 66; Lord Kissin, 81; Mr S. Kitchen, chartered accountant, 80; Commandant Anthea Larken, former director, WRNS, 55; Mr Peter Lilley, M.P, 50; Dr Onora O'Neill, principal, Newnham College, Cambridge, 52; Mr Bob Peck, actor, 48; Mr James Quinn, former director, British Film Institute, 74; Miss Helen Rees, former director, Design Museum, 33; Mr Willy Russell, author, 46; Sir Roy Strong, former director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 58; Mr Peter Thomson, golfer, 64; Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, 62; Sir Brian Young, former chairman, Christian Aid, 71.

Gene Kelly, the dancer and singer, is 81 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis XVI, King of France 1774-93, Versailles, 1754; Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, Brook Hall, Norfolk, 1768; Georges Cuvier, Baron Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Montbeliard, France, 1769; Arnold Toynbee, social philosopher, London, 1852; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, Garnett, Kansas, 1869; William Ernest Henley, writer, Gloucester, 1849; Eleutherios Venizelos, five times Prime Minister of Greece, Crete, 1864; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, Gillingham, Kent, 1885; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1905; Keith Moon, rock drummer, Wembley, 1947.

DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, executed, London, 1305; Luis de Leon, mystic and poet, Madrigal de las Atlas, Spain, 1591; George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, statesman and royal favourite, assassinated, Portsmouth, 1628; Charles Augustin de Coulomb, physicist, Paris, 1806; Alexander Wilson, ornithologist and poet, Philadelphia, 1813; *Rudolph Valentino, silent film* actor, New York, 1926; Adolf Loos, architect, Vienna, 1933; Roy Chadwick, aeronautical engineer, killed on a test flight, 1947; Roger Martin du Gard, novelist, Nobel laureate 1937, Normandy, 1958; Oscar Hammerstein II, song writer, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1960.

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CHEVES - On August 16th, to Mary (née Forde) and Simon, a daughter, Olivia Frances, a sister for Honor Rose.

HOOK - On August 18th in California to Simon and Jane a dear daughter, Charlotte Celeste.

HOSKINS - On 16th August, to Anne (née Grunsin) and Andrew, a daughter, Martha, a sister for Laura, Alice and Hannah.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

KLEY:FULD - On 23rd August 1933 in Berlin, Henry Kley to Lotte Fuld.

DEATHS

COOPER - On August 18th 1993 at Wycombe Hospital after a short illness, Dorothy Anne aged 77, dearly loved wife of George, mother of Nicolas. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Thursday 26th August at 2pm. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield.

FOSTER - (Née Finning) on August 20th 1993 peacefully at Totnes Hospital after a long illness, Dorothy Eleanor aged 68 years, dearly loved wife of Donald and mother of Rawdon (d.1975) and Carey. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Wednesday August 25th at 10 am. Family flowers only at her request. Donations to Overseas Services Pensioners Benevolent Association, 138 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent.

FRYER - on August 20th, Herbert Albinus Jackson M.F..M.B.E. (Mil.) aged 83 at Orange, New South Wales. For details contact 0896 822245.

GOAD - Richard, on 16th August, peacefully, aged 85, for 60 years the loved and loving husband of Leonora ("Nora"), dear father of Barbara and Elizabeth and devoted grandfather. Cremation has taken place. Donations, if desired, to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0EP.

LAMOND - On August 20th, suddenly and peacefully at Priory Paddocks Nursing Home, Dereham, Suffolk, Norah aged 93, widow of Sir William Lamond and of Jack Aitken, much loved mother of Bob and Jeanne, and dear grandmother and great grandmother. Private family cremation.

LYNESS - On August 20th 1993, Elizabeth Joyce (née Melville), aged 79, after a brave fight against Liver Cancer. Mother of James, David, Adam, Frank and Liz. Wife for 61 years, wife of Robert. Much loved teacher and artist, well known in Bristol, the Fylde and East Anglia. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex. Details from Smiths Funeral Directors. 0621 854293. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

PEILE - On 19th August 1993, George Howard, in London, peacefully in his 83rd year. Dearly loved. Funeral at Matfen in Northumberland. Enquiries (091) 273-9292.

PENDRILL - On 20th August 1993, Walter (Pen) Pendrill of Kington Magna, Dorset, peacefully, aged 88. Beloved of all his family. Funeral at 2.15 pm on Thursday 26th August at Kington Magna Church. No flowers. Any donations to Marie Curie Foundation or Kington Magna Church, sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL.

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WALKER - (*née Finney*) Mary on 16th August. She will be much missed by her cousins and many friends who admired her fortitude in adversity and courage during illness.

WHITEHORN - On August 20th 1993, peacefully at her daughters home in Marlow, Dulce (Dollar) widow of Ernest, much loved mother of Jean, Patricia, Andrew & Gillian, grandmother & great grandmother. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to R S P B, c/o 32 West St, Marlow, Bucks.

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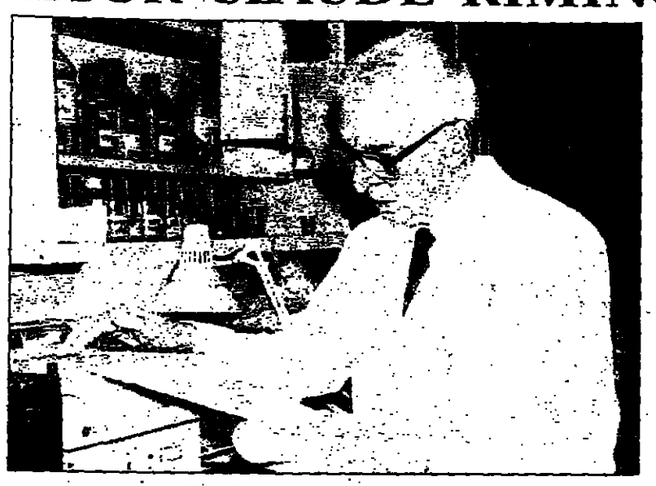
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR CLAUDE RIMINGTON

Claude Rimington, FRS, biochemist, died in Askeroy, Norway, on August 8 aged 90. He was born in London on November 17, 1902.



CLAUDE RIMINGTON was the doyen of porphyrin chemists and the professor of chemical pathology at the University College Hospital Medical School in London for over twenty years. Virtually unknown outside the medical profession, he created a stir in 1968 with his BMA paper "Porphyria — A Royal Malady", which attempted to clear up the mystery over King George III's illness (thereby later providing Alan Bennett with the theme for a successful play).

This publicity came after a lifetime's useful work in the field of porphyrins — the pigments in chlorophyll and haemoglobin. Not a gifted administrator, Rimington was happiest when working long hours in the laboratory. A tall, slender man with aquiline features and a formal manner, he could seem forbidding when disturbed in the middle of his work, but was always ready to "talk shop" and to give advice to those needing it on research matters. He was also, unexpectedly for such a rational man, deeply religious and welcomed spiritual discussions.

Claude Rimington was the son of a businessman, and grew up in Hertfordshire. He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's (then at Cricklewood), where he was fascinated by poetry and chemistry. Holidays gave him a chance to haunt the museums in South Kensington — the Science Museum, Natural History Museum, and the Old Imperial Institute, the latter being a particular favourite because of its "romantic atmosphere".

During the first world war he helped his sister at a canteen for troops in King's Cross. Afterwards he had a serious breakdown in health and spent a year in Devon recuperating and writing poetry. Fully recovered in 1921, he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he gained a first in biochemistry (he was taught by J. B. S. Haldane), and another first from the University of London.

In 1925, he began his first piece of serious research, supervised by Professor H. D. Kay. He also paid his first visit to Norway and Denmark where he met Professor Sorensen under whose supervision he worked for a time. Professor Lindestrom-Lang became another lifelong friend, and the highlight of his trip was hearing a lecture given by Marie Curie.

Back in Cambridge, Rimington went on researching into phospho-proteins and protein-bound-carbohydrate complexes and gained his doctorate from London in 1928. The atmosphere of the Cambridge biochemical laboratory was stimulating. Gathered there were such bright lights as Gowland Hopkins, Robin Hill, Muriel Onslow, Henry Quastel, Joseph Needham, Haldane, Rudolf Lemberg and Albert Szent-Gyorgyi. However, in 1928, Claude decided to accept an offer to set up a new Biochemical Department for the Wool Research Association in Leeds. At the same time, he married Soffi Andersen — a young Norwegian from Askeroy near Lyngor — whom he had met in London.

In 1930, he won a research scholarship from the Empire Marketing Board and took a post at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Laboratory in Pretoria, South Africa, for the chemical investigation of plants poisonous to livestock. Here he suffered one of the greatest tragedies of his life — the death of his infant son.

It was while investigating the ovine disease Geeldikkop ("yellow thick head") in 1935 that Rimington first became interested in porphyrins. Sir Arnold Theiler showed him some bones that had been sent in by a field veterinary officer from Swaziland. These bones were chocolate-brown in colour. Rimington later recollected: "The reddish-brown bone looked exactly like illustrations of the skeletal discolouration seen in the extremely rare human disease, congenital erythropoietic porphyria." He later confirmed his theory by comparison with a known example of that human condition.

In 1937, he left South Africa to take a position as biochemist, offered by Sir Henry Dale at the Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research in Hampstead. Here Claude studied the copper-containing red porphyrin complex present in the wing-feathers of the Turacos. Hans Fischer, an expert on the subject and a Nobel laureate, had classified the porphyrin involved as uroporphyrin I. The Natural History Museum helped Rimington's investigation by loaning plumage from several species of the birds which he duly examined — discovering that the uroporphyrin involved actually belonged to the isomeric series III — publishing his results through the Royal Society in 1939. It took some courage for him to challenge Fischer's erroneous identification but his findings were later fully corroborated by the work of others.

On the outbreak of war, he and his family were on holiday in Norway. Rimington returned to England, and his family were subsequently trapped in Norway after its invasion by the Germans until the end of the war. Rimington volunteered to go with the British forces to Narvik, but was refused because of his lack of military experience. In the event he had to settle for joining the Home Guard.

Despite the unhappy domestic background, Rimington continued to work well, researching problems related to the war effort in Hampstead. One of his investigations was into whether the use of carrots as a dietary supplementary would improve the night vision of fighter pilots. In May 1945, he took up the chair of chemical pathology at the University College Hospital Medical School and later that year, following the liberation of Norway on May 17, 1945, was reunited with his family.

After more than twenty years, he vacated the University College Hospital chair in 1968. This was the year in which he published the BMA paper "Porphyria — A Royal Malady" jointly with the psychiatric historians, Ida Macalpine and Richard Hunter. On the basis of the available evidence, the paper concluded that King George III had suffered from an inherited abnormality of porphyrin metabolism known as Variegate Porphyria.

Rimington retired to Norway, but continued to travel. He was made the Royal Society visiting professor to Israel in 1968 and 1969 and worked with colleagues in Argentina, Denmark and South Africa.

Honours were heaped upon him. He was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1954, made an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1967 and an honorary member of the Biochemical Society in 1989. He was appointed a knight (1st class) of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in 1989 and was proud to have drunk a "skal" with King Olav V on that occasion.

Rimington retired to his island home on Askeroy. Sailing was always a favourite hobby but he also loved literature. His early reading was indiscriminate, though he subsequently became known as a skilful translator of philosophy, poetry and scientific treatises, working from English, and even the Scots vernacular, into Norwegian and back again.

He is survived by his wife and their daughter.

KASDI MERBAH

Kasdi Merbah, the former security chief, prime minister and opposition leader of Algeria, was assassinated near Algiers on August 21 aged 55. He was born near Rabat, Morocco, in 1938.



KASDI MERBAH was one of the original founders of the Algerian state and became, for three decades, one of its most prominent figures. After his dismissal as prime minister in 1989, he tried to rally the supporters of the late socialist president Houari Boumédienne and offered the country a mild form of Islamic government. But when he urged Muslim militants to lay down their arms earlier this year, he became a principal target for them. He was the only opposition leader to advocate such a policy.

Born Abdallh Khalaf into a wealthy Berber family of Algerian origin near the Moroccan city of Rabat, he became involved there in Arab nationalist politics while still at school. With the return of his family to Algiers, his education was further interrupted, causing him never to attain a reputation for being a cultured man.

Khalaf joined the nascent Front de Libération Nationale (FLN) to press for independence from France in 1956 and, as a member of the so-called Oujda group — known after the Moroccan frontier town of that name — gathered around Boumédienne, he quickly rose in the guerrilla hierarchy, becoming head of operational information in the FLN's military wing in 1960. He gave himself the nom de guerre of Kasdi Merbah during that period.

Between 1961 and 1962, he was a member of a delegtion of FLN leaders that negotiated with France, and he was appointed director of military security, an organisation better known as "the political police", in the new state. Merbah occupied that post until 1978, causing him to be a hated figure by the general public and enabling him to play an important part in the overthrow of President Ben Bella by General Boumédienne, the army commander, in 1965.

Following the sudden death of the latter in 1978, Merbah was given a number of minor ministerial appointments by President Chadli Benjedid, until he was asked to form a new reformist cabinet after the food riots of November 1988. However, he lasted as prime minister for only a year, being dismissed by Benjedid for not being bold enough.

In January 1992 Benjedid resigned, apparently under pressure from the army, when it appeared that the scheduled final round of the parliamentary elections would result in a landslide by Muslim militants. By then Merbah had set up his own opposition party, the Movement for Justice and Development, which tried to unite moderate Muslims and the former socialist supporters of the late President Boumédienne under a single flag.

He remained, however, a stauch opponent of religious government and became the only opposition leader earlier this year to write an open letter to Muslim miliants seeking a peaceful solution to the current stalemate.

His 24-year-old son Hakim was among those who died with him. He is survived by two other children.

GEORGE KEYT

George Keyt, Sri Lankan artist, died in Colombo on July 31 aged 92. He was born in Kandy on April 17, 1901.

ALTHOUGH he received a largely Christian and Europeanised education at Trinity College, Kandy, George Keyt did not venture outside Sri Lanka and India until his 79th year, when he made a short visit to England. His personal life was Europeanised, but this never appeared in his art. Although the British literary influence on him as a schoolboy was powerful, the intensity of local life instilled in Keyt from an early age a lifelong aesthetic nationalism and a spirit of reaction against the dominance of foreign culture.

The origins of his family are obscure. His grandfather and father had both married into Dutch burgher families, descendants of early Dutch colonists of the coast of Ceylon. There were only some 200 such families, so George Keyt shared some of the same ancestors through both his father and his mother. The family had a high social position, the ruling British population being mostly temporary residents, with their real homes elsewhere.

Keyt left Trinity College when he was 17 and received no higher education. But, being a precocious boy and a great reader, he had virtually enjoyed a university education already. He won prizes for poetry, and began to contribute articles, poems and drawings to the newspapers, mainly on Buddhist and Hindu historical and religious themes.

Soon after his father's death, in 1927, Keyt decided to make painting his life. His work at that time shows an acute and careful observation of people and their surroundings, always Sinhalese and Tamil. When exhibited in 1928, 1929 and 1930 his pictures were furiously denounced in the press, for reasons that are now difficult to understand. But he also had his supporters, the most important of whom was the Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, who then held a consular post in Colombo.

In 1936 Keyt and Justiun Deraniyagala, son of Sir Paul Pieris, Ceylon's trade commissioner in London, held a joint exhibition in Colombo. Among Keyt's contributions was *Sringara Rasa*, now in the collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The split between Keyt's personal life and his aesthetic and historical instincts came to a climax about 1937, when his first marriage was collapsing. This tension can be sensed in some of his paintings and poetry.

For two years from 1940 Keyt lived in a very isolated village and painted little. When he resumed in 1942, it was with a new intensity. But he did not reappear in Colombo until the first exhibition of the '43 Group, there, in 1943.

The marriage of Keyt's sister Peggy to Harold Peiris, a member of an important Sinhalese family, was important to Keyt. Peiris had taken a degree in law at St John's College, Cambridge, and then studied Sanskrit at Göttingen. He believed in the teachings of Marx and Freud, and Keyt's introduction to Marxism through Peiris reinforced his feeling that the British should not be allowed to dominate Sri Lanka's population and traditions (at that time the horrors of Marxist Stalinism were little understood).

Peiris virtually taught Sanskrit to Keyt, an apt pupil, while the latter was putting Jayadeva's 11th or 12th century poem, the *Gita Govinda*, into English verse. It was published in Kandy in 1940, and republished in Bombay in 1948 with line drawings by Keyt. The poem deals with Krishna's love for the milkmaid Radha.

The first exhibition of the '43 Group was criticised in the official army newspaper as "conceited". But the Group thrived and in 1947 Keyt moved to Bombay and had a number of important exhibitions there and in New Delhi in subsequent years.

Keyt had two one-man exhibitions in London. The first was in 1954 at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, organised by Sir Roland Penrose. The second was held at the Patrick Seale Gallery in 1982. Keyt attended neither because of his reluctance to leave Sir Lanka and India.

When Evelyn Waugh was having a nervous breakdown in Ceylon, part of which he describes in *The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold*, he called on Keyt in his house in Sirimalwatte, and gave an entertaining account in a letter to his wife. Keyt's descriptions of the meeting were equally diverting to listen to.

Keyt's painting and poetry have not received general recognition outside Sri Lanka and India. He did not visit Europe and America to promote his art. Nevertheless, he had his admirers in England, Germany, Switzerland and the United States.

Keyt was three times married: he leaves his third wife, Kusum and one son.



Woman with cup by George Keyt, 1982

DOROTHY HOPKINSON

Dorothy Hopkinson, writer and lay psychoanalyst, died on August 4 aged 90. She was born in Cambridge on March 29, 1903.



MARRIED three times, Dorothy (Lady) Hopkinson was the wife of two writers — Hugh Kingsmill and Tom (later Sir Tom) Hopkinson. Despite her otherwise liberated outlook, she never felt the need to compete with her husbands professionally. But her influence on their output was considerable.

Hugh Kingsmill-Lunn, the critic and novelist, was the son of the package holiday entrepreneur, Sir Henry Lunn. Once his father had withdrawn his allowance, he was perpetually short of money, and no one was less capable of holding down a job. It was Dorothy's steadying influence which enabled him to concentrate on his literary work. She did this partly by keeping at bay the friends and drinking companions — figures such as Malcolm Muggeridge and Hesketh Pearson — who constantly threatened to distract him. Later she performed much the same service for Tom Hopkinson, whom she met at an equally low stage in his career. With his heyday as editor of *Picture Post* behind him, Dorothy persuaded him to start a new life in South Africa.

Largely self-educated, she was born Dorothy Vernon and grew up in Morley, near Leeds, the eldest daughter of two music hall artistes. At the age of 12, she was sent to work at the local mill, but left home at 19 to become a revue dancer in London and Paris. She was briefly married to Sydney Cowan, a Lithuanian, by whom she had a son.

In 1928 she met the then celebrated writer, William Gerhardie, on the top of a double-decker bus. Gerhardie was on his way to the Gargoyle Club, as was Dorothy, who was also at that moment, by coincidence, reading one of his novels — *Futility*. Recognising its author from the photograph on the book jacket, she introduced herself. The couple quickly became close friends.

Emancipated and well-read, Gerhardie found in her, at this point, the ideal companion. She introduced him to her wide circle of friends, including the sculptor Jacob Epstein, and the following year he introduced her to Hugh Kingsmill. Kingsmill and Dorothy quickly fell in love.

Gerhardie was unhappy about this turn of events, claiming, in characteristically chauvinistic tones, that this was the second woman Kingsmill had stolen from him. When Dorothy wrote to thank him for introducing her to her future husband, he replied with a curt invoice: "One (Hugh Kingsmill) Lunn, complete with boots, deliverable at domicile, POD, discount on cash."

Thus began a marked cooling in their relationship. For his part, Gerhardie was jealous of her influence on Kingsmill, and when in 1964 Michael Holroyd (a protégé of Gerhardie's) produced a biography of Kingsmill, the wounds were still deep enough for Dorothy, as Kingsmill's literary executor, to refuse to co-operate. Her portrait in the biography is less than flattering.

The romance with Hugh Kingsmill was not always smooth. At one point Dorothy handed him the manuscript of her first and only novel. Some time later, she asked what he thought of the book, only to be told that he had accidentally left it on the Underground. Despite this, the couple were married in 1934, dividing their time between their homes in Hastings and Lake Geneva.

Dorothy was strict about her husband's use of his time — apart from a dress-making business, which she ran in the 1930s, the family was wholly dependent on his income as an author. Many of his old friends felt excluded by the new arrangement, a feeling exacerbated by Kingsmill's insistence on keeping his life in compartments.

At the same time as bringing up their three children, Dorothy was studying the new science of psycholanysis and setting herself up as a lay practitioner. One of the first to consult her was her friend Antonia White, who had produced nothing since the publication of her well-received first novel *Frost in May* (1933). Her writer's block was notorious but analysis appears to have led to it being temporarily alleviated.

Antonia White's third husband had been the journalist Tom Hopkinson. In 1949, Hugh Kingsmill died and at around the same time Dorothy met Hopkinson (who had been through another marriage since being divorced by Antonia White). He also initially came to her for psychoanalysis but three years later, in 1953, they were married.

Hopkinson tried to make a living as a freelance journalist before in 1957 being persuaded by Dorothy to accept the editorship of *Drum*, which had been founded by Anthony Sampson as a picture magazine for young Africans in Johannesburg. After four stormy years there, the Hopkinsons moved to Nairobi, where in 1963 Tom launched the International Press Institute's journalism training centre.

The couple returned to England four years later, and Hopkinson set up schools of journalism at the University of Sussex and at Cardiff. At the same time, Dorothy introduced her husband to the works of the Indian guru Meher Baba. Their jointly-written biography *Much Silence: The Life and Work of Meher Baba*, was published in 1974. Tom Hopkinson was knighted in 1978 and died in 1990.

Dorothy Hopkinson is survived by two daughters and a son by her second husband, Hugh Kingsmill. The son from her first marriage died earlier this year.

A PRISONER OF WAR

The following is from the *Transvaal Argus*:

"Trooper Rickers, belonging to one of the corps engaged in hostilities against Secocoeni and who has been missing for some time, has come in with a remarkable story of his adventures during his peregrinations. He appears to have been captured by the enemy and taken to Secocoeni's, where he was right royally treated and sent away with a present of £5 from the chief and a letter to prove that he had been in the kraal. We have had an account of his experience sent us, which we are assured is as nearly as possible as he told it himself:-

'My horse being knocked up, I was ordered to remain with the Caffres at Murder Kop, with Mr. Tainton, but as I did not rightly comprehend my instructions, I continued on the march and re-joined my troop, which was B troop, Ferreira's Horse, and I remained with them till the first lot of cattle were taken. After this, I got separated from the main body and fell in with five others who had also lost themselves. They were Peter Grant, Abrahams, Blackburn, George, and St. Croix. We rode throughout the morning without finding the spoor of the main body. My horse by this time was so exhausted that I shouted to the men and wanted them to stop, but they went on, and were frequently 200 yards ahead of me. At length I was left alone altogether, as I could not keep up with them ...

"While going along I saw large troops of cattle, and at noon I observed a Caffre town in front of me. Two Caffre women saw me and gave the alarm. I then hid my gun in the bush. I was beaten and scratched by the women, and some men came out and took me into a kraal. I told them that I had left Middelburg drunk and had lost the road, but they laughed at me. They, however, gave me something to eat and drink. After this, I was marched off to Secocoeni's town, about six miles away. Here the men came out in thousands and I was beaten with sticks. A brother of Secocoeni's came out and took me up to Secocoeni's kraal. Secocoeni sent to say that I must not be afraid, and ordered that I should be taken to a hut and tied up. In the evening I had an interview with Secocoeni and told him the same story about the reason of my being in the neighbourhood. The chief said he was not such a fool as to believe that. He then gave me some beer, and dismissed me, saying that I must not be afraid, as he would see that I should be sent to the fort safely. The next day I did not see the chief, but on the day after he sent for me and told me to speak the truth. I was shown four rifles (one of which I recognised as mine) and 15 cartridges. Secocoeni then produced the arm and hand of a white man and said the five men had been seen and two were dead. I confessed that I belonged to Ferreira's Horse. He then said that he had given his word, and I should go, and added that he knew as well as a white man how to treat a prisoner ...

'In the morning, I was brought on the road to the fort. Secocoeni's brother was with me, and before leaving he gave me ten half-sovereigns in gold. Secocoeni wanted to know why the war was still carried on and peace not made ...'"

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NEWS

Spy funding out of shadows

■ The financing of the three intelligence services is to be removed from the Secret Vote and subjected to a stricter value-for-money test than at any time since they were founded.

This latest attempt to bring the intelligence services into the open and to make them more accountable publicly will be introduced as a new administrative procedure, following legislation due in the next parliamentary session..... **Page 1**

Athletes regain sporting glory

■ The spirit of *Chariots of Fire* was rekindled in Stuttgart yesterday as British athletes celebrated their most successful world championships. With 11 medals the team lifted some of the dark clouds which settled over the football and cricket scenes this summer..... **Pages 1, 17, 19**

Secrecy abandoned

One of the most secret courts in the country, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, where up to 200 lawyers face charges of professional misconduct every year, is to open its hearings to the public for the first time ..... **Page 1**

Prisons plan

Michael Howard's plans to make prison life "more austere" were welcomed by Tory backbenchers yesterday, but condemned by the *opposition as a bid to win* plaudits from the Conservative party conference ..... **Page 2**

Lockerbie setback

Relatives of the Pan Am passengers killed in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing fear that their fight for compensation from the airline faces a legal reversal..... **Page 5**

Witnesses in fear

Criminals are intimidating increasing numbers of people to stop them testifying or to change their stories in the witness box, according to a senior judge **Page 3**

Gunman held up

A masked gunman was disarmed by a woman of 60 when he tried to raid the Bradford jeweller's shop where she worked.... **Page 5**

Plumbing the depths

A British engineer is putting the final touches to a expedition using a high technology underwater craft to reach the floor of the Challenger Deep, a chasm nearly seven miles below the Pacific off the island of Guam..... **Page 6**

Clinton distracted

Although President Clinton is trying to prove that he can relax, playing golf on his holiday at Martha's Vineyard. But the political realities of Washington are intruding on his break .....**Page 8**

Rodney King held

Rodney King, who was beaten by white police officers in Los Angeles, leading to rioting after their acquittal, was arrested for drunk driving.....**Page 8**

Yeltsin ally quits

Sergei Glazyev, Russia's foreign trade minister and one of the youngest members of President Yeltsin's reform team, resigned as the corruption scandal in government ranks deepened.....**Page 7**

Bosnia braced

Muslims and Croats are preparing themselves for a final showdown in the central Bosnia town of Gornji Vakuf. Once the home of 25,000 people, it has been reduced to a shell.....**Page 7**

Militants to die

In the latest crackdown on Egyptian fundamentalists, a military court in Cairo sentenced four militants to death at the weekend, bringing the number condemned to die to 25 since December **Page 9**

Tourists at risk

British travellers risk contracting serious diseases abroad by ignoring medical advice from the World Health Organisation about the resurgence of tuberculosis, cholera, and malaria **Page 9**

Queen Victoria's doll for auction

■ A doll called Sophie, discovered on BBC television's Antiques Roadshow, is to be auctioned for an estimated £18,000 at Christie's in London next month. The doll, made by Francois Gaultier in the 1870s, was a gift from Queen Victoria to an Indian princess and was identified when the Roadshow stopped at Pembroke last November..... **Page 9**



A musketeer from the Fairfax Brigade of the English Civil War Society grimaces in firing his weapon at the Tower of London yesterday in commemorating the 1643 victories that marked a turning point for the anti-royalist forces in the Civil War

SPORT

Football: Liverpool moved to the top of the Premier League by winning 5-0 away to Swindon Town with two goals from Steve McManaman and one each from Neil Ruddock, Ronnie Whelan and Mike Marsh.....**Page 22**

Golf: Ian Woosnam ensured his place in the European team for the Ryder Cup at the Belfry next month by winning the Murphy's English Open at Forest of Arden yesterday by two strokes from Constantino Rocca of Italy ..... **Page 20**

Cricket: Australia start the final day of the sixth Test match at the Oval today needing 390 runs to beat England, who were bowled out for 313..... **Page 17, 19**

BUSINESS

Gas division: British Gas could be split into as many as ten separate companies ahead of the 1997 deadline set for the break up of the monopoly ..... **Page 32**

Housing stagnation: The economic recovery could run out of steam without a rise in house prices, according to Lehman Brothers, the investment bank..... **Page 32**

Booming pay: Private sector pay rises are racing ahead of public sector settlements, according to a survey published by Incomes Data Services, the employment consultant. Fewer firms are imposing pay freezes than three months ago and deals are being enhanced by merit and productivity awards .. **Page 32**

FEATURES

Sexual risk: "Never mind what mothers try to tell their daughters. What I want to know is, who tells the boys? Who drums into them the new sexual etiquette: that no girl is ever 'asking for it'?" Libby Purves on modern courtship..... **Page 10**

Virtue of austerity: "At the moment fashion seems to be making no statement at all. Designers are keen to present a more honest, straightforward style." Iain R. Webb on basic shapes..... **Page 11**

Clever chips: "Grandmasters used to come to computer chess tournaments to laugh. Now they come to look. Soon they will come to learn." David Levy on chess-playing silicon chips..... **Page 10**

ARTS

Forgotten virtues: The Edinburgh Fringe is teaching playwrights one thing: the value of brevity. Benedict Nightingale joined the punters trying to pack seven or even eight visits to the theatre in a day **Page 25**

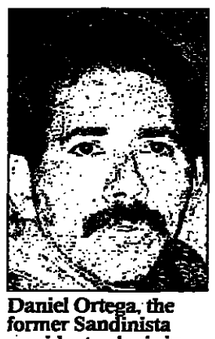
Still shining: An evening of Fifties nostalgia forms part of this year's Edinburgh Festival. But with Tiller Girls doing the cancan, and Susan Maughan impersonating a snake, is it really art? ..... **Page 25**

Art and soul? Is the trumpeter Wynton Marsalis the Chosen One who saved jazz from disintegration? Or is he a great technician with wonderful taste and no emotional heart? His appearance at the Proms revived the debate.. **Page 25**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Lord Beloff says the Conservatives must undertake an enquiry into why the economy has been so badly run if they are to see their way back to success Page 6



Daniel Ortega, the former Sandinista president, who is involved in negotiations to have hostages held by guerrillas released in Nicaragua Page 8



José Waller may be 71, but as world marathon record holder in her age group she is training hard for the Reebok/*The Times* national fun run Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Thumbs up, thumbs down

■ When a West End show closes ahead of schedule because of bad reviews, it is the critics who get the blame. But just how powerful are the men and women who sit in judgment on London's theatre?

Adrian Mole all at sea

■ Sue Townsend's comic tale continues: a luxury cruise beckons for Adrian Mole at a bargain-basement £300 price

Black humour out of Africa

■ "A dictator who campaigns in a fake election with a label classifying him 'Messiah-Democrat' can hardly lack a sense of humour." Bernard Levin on Africa

TV LISTINGS

An inspiring series comes to an end with Howard Jacobson's drive through Australia, looking for opals, from the southern town of Glenelg to Darwin in the north, *Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz* (Channel 4, 9.00pm) ... **Page 31**

OPINION

Unhappy returns

He has increased China's material wealth fourfold: but he will leave it still backward, incorrigibly corrupt and above all, politically ossified and savagely repressed. But although he turned 89 yesterday, nobody is expected to believe in Den Xiaoping's retirement ..... **Page 13**

The Hamas effect

In four days Islamic extremists have murdered a former Algerian prime minister and made an attempt on the life of Egypt's interior minister. If Israel's Mr Rabin once saw Hamas as a counter to the PLO, he should now see the PLO as a counter to Hamas ..... **Page 13**

Third age gold

In the long run, old age is an incurable disease. The grown-ups of the Western world should become once again role-models for their feckless youngers and silliers ..... **Page 13**

DOMINS

PETER RIDDELL

Britain's policy towards the Bosnian war has underestimated the possible implications for Europe's long-term security of the West's half-hearted approach..... **Page 12**

MATTHEW PARRIS

Matthew the poodle bites back: "The mistake women most often make about men is to build them into something they are not. They seem to think we're humans, like them" ..... **Page 12**

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THE PAPERS

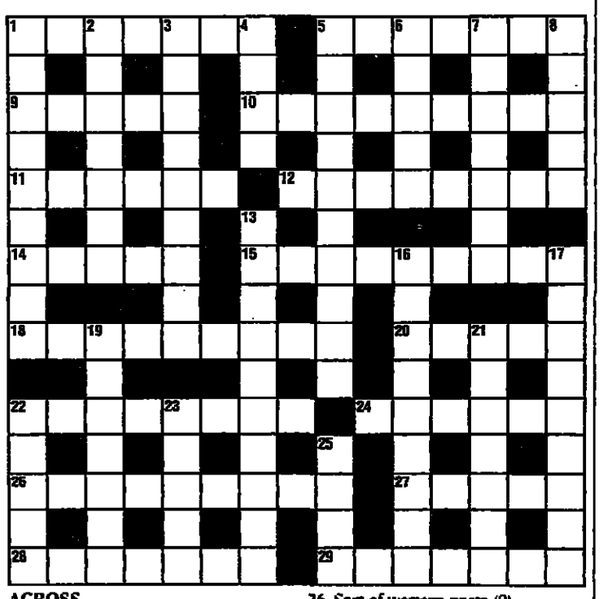
Washington seems to be slipping away from the threat of Nato air strikes. The Muslims deserve more support. Last week's would-be tiger is this week's familiar pussycat

— The Washington Post

Mr Clinton's decision to relax with mainstream millionaires at Martha's Vineyard is of interest. He is headed smack into the belly of the beast he pledged to control: the Washington establishment

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,316



ACROSS

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Southern Britain will start dry with sunny periods but become cloudier as blustery and showery conditions already in Scotland and Northern Ireland spread southwards by the afternoon. Some of the showers will be heavy with a chance of hail and thunder. Later in the day, showers will become less intense over northern and western areas. Outlook: Showers gradually dying down by Wednesday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Alaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	29	84	s
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Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	35	95	s
Bahrain	39	102	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	32	90	t	Montreal*	18	64	c
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	16	61	r
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Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	25	77	t
Belgrade	35	95	s	Naples	33	91	s
Berlin	17	63	t	N Delhi	36	95	s
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Gatwick airport, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Scotland, 11C (52F), highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0 2in, highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, 12 8hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 13C (56F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0 04 Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0 1hr

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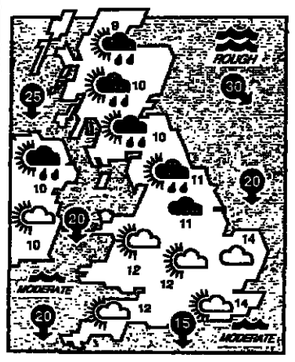
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Aviemore	7.4	0.02	16	61	shower
Belfast	2.7	0.02	15	59	bright
Birmingham	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Bognor Regis	12.8	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	9.5	-	25	77	bright
Bristol	4.8	-	23	73	bright
Buxton	6.5	0.07	17	63	bright
Cardiff	0.4	0.01	19	66	rain
Clacton	9.9	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.7	0.11	16	61	bright
Cromer	3.2	-	18	64	bright
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Edinburgh	8.8	-	17	63	bright
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Folkestone	6.7	-	22	72	bright
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Jersey	8.4	-	25	77	bright
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Lowestoft	1.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Manchester	6.6	0.04	19	66	bright
Margate	10.8	-	25	77	sunny
Minehead	X	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	7.6	0.15	18	64	bright
Newcastle	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
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Nottingham	8.3	-	21	70	bright
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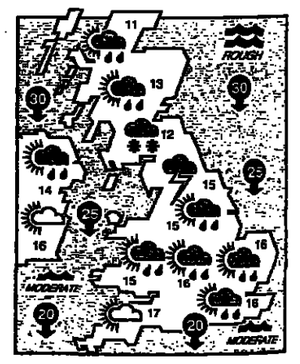
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Denmark Kr	10.97	10.17
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.551
France Fr	9.34	8.84
Germany Dm	2.70	2.46
Greece Dr	371.60	346.80
Hong Kong $	12.31	11.31
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2495.79	2340.79
Japan Yen	176.15	155.65
Netherlands Gld	3.02	2.79
Norway Kr	11.56	10.76
Portugal Esc	250.00	268.50
South Africa Rd	5.66	4.96
Spain Pta	212.96	198.96
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	17900.0	16900.0
USA $	1.603	1.473

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Bristol 8.46 pm to 5.39 am
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Manchester 8.50 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 5.52 am

Sun rises: 5 59 am — Sun sets: 8 07 pm

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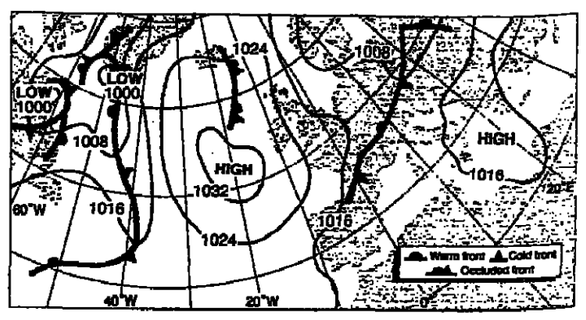
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B'mngham	12	54	c	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	15	59	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	11	52	f
Glasgow	13	55	f	R'nidsway	14	57	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.23	6.9	6.37	7.0	Liverpool	3.34	9.4	4.00	8.9
Aberdeen	5.49	4.3	6.25	3.8	Lowestoft	1.58	2.3	2.05	2.6
Avonmouth	11.54	12.4	—	—	Margate	4.34	4.6	4.42	4.8
Belfast	3.30	3.5	3.57	3.2	Milford Haven	10.53	6.5	11.16	6.4
Cardiff	11.39	11.5	11.58	11.3	Newquay	9.48	6.6	10.12	6.4
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	3.23	6.4	3.47	6.5	Penzance	9.40	5.2	10.03	5.1
Falmouth	10.00	4.8	10.22	4.8	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	5.11	5.2	5.48	4.7	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	4.19	4.0	4.35	4.1	Shoreham	3.40	6.1	4.01	6.1
Holyhead	2.37	5.6	3.06	5.2	Southampton	3.13	4.4	3.43	4.4
Hull	10.45	7.6	11.19	7.0	Swansea	10.56	9.1	11.20	8.9
Ilfracombe	10.36	8.7	10.58	8.5	Tees	8.14	5.3	8.49	4.9
King's Lynn	11.02	6.7	11.37	6.0	Wilton-on-Nze	4.14	4.2	4.29	4.3
Leith	7.25	5.5	7.55	5.2					

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

MONDAY AUGUST 23 1993

England's chances hinge on weather

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (fourth day of five): Australia, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 390 runs to beat England

AUSTRALIA'S cricketers may be sated, weary and thinking of home but they are in danger, today, of having the curtain-call of a triumphant tour ruined. After a summer of subservience, England have taken charge of the sixth and final Test match.

Although they were frustrated by the first serious rain interruptions of the series, which extracted 34 overs from play yesterday, England still have a full day to dismiss the Australians and soothe their pains.

At 4-0 down, it could be said that the servants are running the house while the master is on holiday, but this has been such a depressing year for the England team that nothing could lessen the impact of a victory.

In the play that was possible *between morning and evening* rain, England's last five wickets added a further 113 runs, with Mark Ramprakash scoring his maiden Test half-century. Australia were left the equivalent of four sessions to score 391, a target only twice attained in Test history, but had made only one of them, from 4.2 testing overs, when the skies closed in.

Whatever the outcome now — and with the weather uncertain and the pitch still virtually unmarked, the odds must favour a draw — England have performed here with more purpose and authority than at any stage of the summer. Notwithstanding the mental and physical fatigue afflicting the touring team, this reflects credit on Michael Atherton, who today will officially be appointed as captain for the winter tour of the West Indies.

Atherton has won some *important converts through* the positive style of his leadership. He is plainly, if undemonstratively, in charge and the job has added confidence to his batting.

When, in the last session on Saturday, four wickets were lost for 29 runs, two of them in consecutive balls to the irrepressible Merv Hughes, England's lead was still too shallow for their long-suffering supporters to feel sanguine. All too often the lower order has crumbled, making Australia's job easier, and when Ramprakash poked dismally at his first ball from Shane Warne, edging it between wicketkeeper and slip, it was easy to fear the worst.

How Ramprakash survived to the close even he may find impossible to explain, for *Warne and Tim May beat him* time and again around off-stump. On the resumption yesterday, Ramprakash, when faced by spin, was like an actor straying onto the wrong set, his lines memorised for a different play.

He was fortunate to be called up for this Test, convenience favouring him over several others with more obvious credentials, and now luck was with him once more. It should not discount him from Caribbean consideration, for he will find little slow bowling to disconcert him there, but he was happier when the new ball was taken.

Stewart, with whom he added 68 for the sixth wicket, was out to a typically smart, low slip catch by Mark Waugh off the worthy Reiffel, but Fraser *once more defended stoically* as England's lead swelled to formidable proportions.

Reiffel, who has played only in the second half of the series yet taken 19 wickets at 21 runs apiece, found some extra bounce to remove Fraser and Watkin then played no stroke to a straight full toss from Warne. The advantage then was 360, probably enough to be safe but not sufficient for Atherton to declare with confidence. England's best chance of winning lay in being all out, but the ninth wicket added 30 in 55 minutes, and they may come to regret the loss of that time.

The innings was wound up by Warne and Hughes. The leg spinner won another leg-before verdict as Such played down the wrong line and *Ramprakash, sensing that* time was short, made room to carve Hughes head-high to mid off. Hughes, so tired he was beyond celebrating, dragged himself to the pavilion gate, sweater slung over his massive shoulders, then paused to shake the hands of his wicketkeeper and his three fellow bowlers.

At times, Hughes is a preposterous figure, something between pantomime villain and school bully, but his input to Australia's success in this series has been immense. Robbed of his partner, McDermott, he has answered Allan Border's every call, although sometimes it has seemed his legs could not support one more delivery. He has finished with 31 wickets, Warne with 34, and they have *been the difference* between the teams.

England, at least until this game, have had nobody capable of sustained menace. With Malcolm and Fraser restored the picture is different and the fourth full house of this match roared the England bowlers on as the Australian innings began. Malcolm, generating ferocious pace, had both openers dancing and ducking and once bowled to Slater with no fielder, barring a short leg, in front of the bat. This was the session for England inroads. Instead, it rained, and some inspired bowling is needed today to secure victory.

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IAN STEWART



Ramprakash sweeps during his innings of 64, the highest score of his Test career, at the Oval yesterday. Mark Waugh and Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, look on

OVAL SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 380 (G A Hick 80, A J Stewart 76, G A Gooch 56, M A Atherton 50).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls	
G A Gooch	c Healy b Warne	79	0	132	26	183
	edged leg break to keeper					
*M A Atherton	c Warne b Reiffel	42	0	8	81	62
	loose shot to cover					
G A Hick	c Boon b May	36	1	5	97	74
	hit low to mid-wicket					
M P Maynard	c Reiffel b Hughes	9	0	1	27	21
	hook to deep square leg					
N Hussain	c M E Waugh b Hughes	0	0	0	1	1
	fended off lifter to second slip					
†A J Stewart	c M E Waugh b Reiffel	35	0	4	135	103
	edged drive to second slip					
M R Ramprakash	c Slater b Hughes	64	0	5	242	184
	driving to mid-off					
A R C Fraser	c Healy b Reiffel	13	0	2	52	42
	faint edge to keeper					
S L Watkin	lbw b Warne	4	0	1	5	4
	stretching forward to full toss					
P M Such	lbw b Warne	10	0	1	54	41
	half forward, defending					
D E Malcolm	not out	0	0	0	4	4
Extras	(b 5, lb 12, w 1, nb 3)	21				
Total	(470 mins, 119.2 overs)	313				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77 (Gooch 28), 2-157 (Gooch 69), 3-180 (Gooch 78), 4-180 (Gooch 78), 5-186 (Stewart 3), 6-254 (Ramprakash 33), 7-276 (Ramprakash 42), 8-283 (Ramprakash 45), 9-313 (Ramprakash 64), 10-313 (Malcolm 0).

BOWLING: Hughes 31.2-9-110-3 (nb 2) (9-2-41-0, 2-1-9-0, 9-3-27-2, 6-3-16-0, 5.2-0-17-1), Reiffel 24-8-55-3 (nb 1) (8-1-36-1, 11-4-19-2), Warne 40-15-78-3 (14-5-33-0, 4-1-3-1, 11-5-22-0, 11-4-20-1), May 24-6-53-1 (12-2-32-1, 12-4-21-0)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Rain delayed start, early lunch, until 1.25, 250, 331min, 88 overs. New ball at 245-5 after 86.3 overs. Tea: 298-8 (Ramprakash 56, Such 3) in 113 overs, 300, 444min, 113.2 overs. Innings closed at 5pm. Ramprakash 50: 202min, 156 balls, five fours.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 303 (I A Healy 83 not out, M A Taylor 70; A R C Fraser 5 for 87)

Second Innings

M J Slater	not out	1	0	0	17	15
M A Taylor	not out	0	0	0	17	13
Total	(0 wkt, 17 min, 4.2 overs)	1				

BOWLING: Malcolm 2.2-2-1-0, Watkin 2-2-0-0

Bad light and rain stopped play at 5.27pm.

Umpires: B J Meyer and M J Kitchen.

Replay umpire: A A Jones

Match referee: C H Lloyd

Johnson steals spotlight on final day

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN STUTTGART

GREAT Britain maintained its momentum almost to the end of the world athletics championships here yesterday — adding three more medals for a British record total of ten — but it was the United States that took the last round of applause. A world record in the men's 4 x 400 metres, including the fastest lap of a track ever seen, brought the eight-day champi*onships to an exhilarating* conclusion.

Steve Smith equalled his British and Commonwealth high jump record to win a bronze medal and there were medals also from two British relay teams — silver in the men's 4 x 100 metres and bronze in the women's 4 x 400 metres. Ireland, too, had a day for celebration as Sonia O'Sullivan became their first woman to win an athletics world medal, finishing second in the 1,500 metres.

Hardly has a day passed without controversy and yesterday was no exception as Kenya lodged a protest after the men's 10,000 metres, in which Moses Tanui, the defending champion, lost a shoe on the last lap, complaining that the winner, Haile Gebresilasie, from Ethiopia, had worked *it loose by clip*ping his heels. The protest was dismissed and Tanui refused to offer the traditional handshake to the winner at the presentation.

A brilliant last leg by Michael Johnson, the individual champion, in the 4 x 400 metres saw the United States to a world record of 2min 54.29sec in the last world championships, *in 1991. Britain achieved* a famous victory over the Americans, but, without any of the four who won then, now went out in the semi-finals. This time, it was a race against the clock for the Americans and Johnson's last leg of 42.93sec not only claimed the relay world record by 1.45sec but also made him the first athlete to break 43sec for the distance.

The rolling start gives the relay runner an advantage over times set out of blocks. Before yesterday, Quincy Watts held the fastest split, 43.1sec, compared with Butch Reynolds's 400 metres world record of 43.29sec; Andrew Valmon, Watts, Reynolds and Johnson comprised the team here.

Smith, within a year of winning the world junior title, now has two senior world medals. To the indoor champi*onships bronze, which he won* in March, he added the outdoor one, despite spending much of the week on his back with a pain at the base of his spine. "I could not even touch my toes; *I needed physi*otherapy three times a day and traction twice a day," he said. "I just had to blank out the pain and get on with it."

Having had two failures at 2.31m and one at 2.34m, he cleared 2.37m, his British record height, first time, but was eliminated at 2.40m. Artur Partyka, of Poland, also went out at 2.40m, but, with one fewer failure at the lower heights, took the silver behind Javier Sotomayor, the world record-holder from Cuba, who cleared 2.40m. Cuba is the land of the high jumper — Ioamnet Quintero and Silvia Costa had finished first and second in the women's competition on *Saturday*.

Yesterday, all five of Britain's medal-winners from individual track events — Colin Jackson, Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell, Tony Jarrett and John Regis — won their second medals. Jackson, Jarrett, Regis and Christie set a European sprint relay record of 37.77sec behind the United States. The American quartet, comprising Jon Drummond, Andre Cason, Dennis Mitchell and Leroy Burrell, had equalled the world record of 37.40sec in the semi-final but were 0.08sec slower yesterday.

For Jackson, especially, it was an eventful 48 hours. On Friday evening, he won the sprint hurdles with a world record; on Saturday, he flew to Britain to be the best man at a wedding and yesterday he got out of bed at 4.30am to drive from Cardiff to Heathrow for a flight back to Stuttgart.

With a last leg of 49.9sec, Gunnell held off Sandie Richards, of Jamaica, down the finishing straight to secure third place for Britain's women in the 4 by 400 metres. Linda Keough, Phylis Smith and Tracy Goddard had combined to put Gunnell away third, but she let Richards past and tucked in before kicking for home. The United States took the gold and Russia the silver.

The Chinese women dominated the middle distance and distance track events, adding the 1,500 metres gold medal to the 10,000 metres gold and silver won on Saturday and the sweep of the 3,000 metres last Monday. Dong Liu's victory in the 1,500 metres, in 4min 00.50sec, was as decisive as Junxia Wang's had been in the 10,000 metres.

Wang, with a 61sec last lap, won in 30min 49.30sec, a time which only Ingrid Kristiansen has beaten. Selina Barsosio from Kenya, third behind Wang, became, at 15, the youngest athlete by three years to win a medal at these championships.

In the 1,500 metres Liu made her move from 600 metres out and, by the bell, had the race won. O'Sullivan went past Hassiba Boulmerka, the defending champion, and Yi Lu, another Chinese, with half a lap remaining, recording 4min 3.48sec for second place. Boulmerka was third in 4min 4.28sec. Noureddine Morceli, Boulmerka's fellow Algerian, retained the men's 1,500 metres title, kicking hard with 300 metres to go to win in 3min 34.24sec.

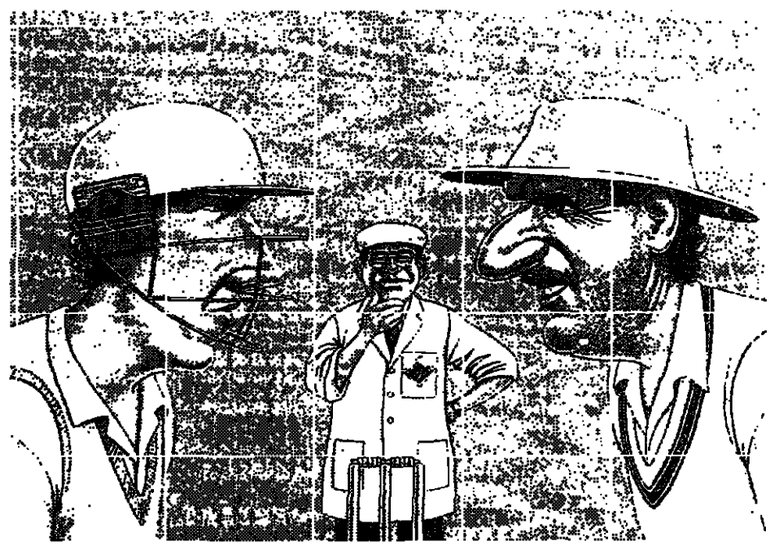
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Burrell dips to take gold ahead of Christie

FINAL TABLE

	G	S	B	Tt
United States	13	7	6	26
China	4	2	2	8
Russia	3	8	5	16
Britain	3	3	4	10
Kenya	3	3	4	10
Germany	2	2	4	8
Cuba	2	1	0	3
Spain	2	1	2	5
Finland	1	2	0	3
Jamaica	1	1	3	5
Ethiopia	1	1	1	3
Ukraine	1	1	1	3
Namibia	1	1	0	2
Algeria	1	0	1	2
Japan	1	0	1	2
Norway	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	1	0	0	1
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1
Tadjikistan	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	3	1	4
Belarus	0	2	2	4



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Chaos blurs merit of British one-two

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

FROM the outside, it seemed an ideal liaison. Manchester, potential venue for the Olympic Games in 2000, hosting the world championships of triathlon, a brash new sport spawned in Hawaii and nurtured in the United States pitching hard for recognition as an Olympic sport by the turn of the century. In the event, the liaison proved too dangerous by half as a triumph for British triathletes was turned to near-fiasco by inadequate regulation.

The day provided a worthy winner in Spencer Smith, of Hounslow, who followed up his junior world title last year by taking the senior crown, and a British one-two, Simon Lessing, the defending champion, coming home second. But, as a dummy run for seven years hence, it certainly produced its share of dummies.

Had not the athletes themselves got together to knock some sense into some muddled heads, officials might well have disqualified Smith for throwing his helmet away in the transition area between the cycling and running stages rather than placing it in the box as the rules state.

A marshal, who had shouted instructions to Smith, reported the incident and, for several moments after Smith crossed the line one minute and 42 seconds ahead of his team-mate, it seemed injustice might prevail.

How the right decision was eventually made is open to debate. According to some, the jury of the International Triathlon Union met and dismissed the infringement on the grounds that no advantage was gained; according to others, the jury could not be summoned quickly enough and the referee, Didier Lehanoff, made the decision. There was equal confusion about what the rule did state, whether Smith had infringed it and, if he had, what the penalty might be.



Smith: worthy victor

In the meantime, Lessing had indicated he did not want to be given the race on disqualification and had been backed up by other competitors. Either way, the prevarication and disorganisation, highlighted a credibility gap which no amount of flashy presentation could hide.

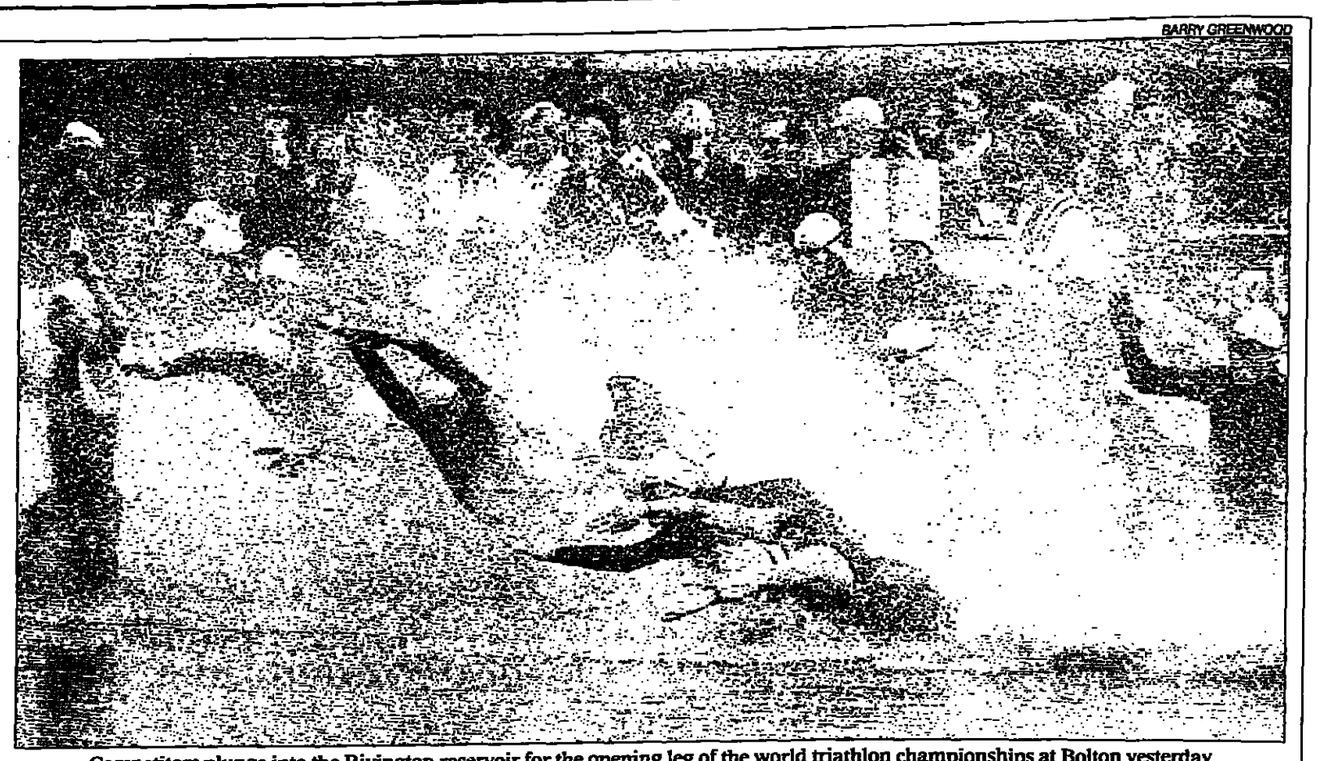
It also emphasised the problems of having a course which began in Bolton and ended in Albert Square, Manchester. Normal triathlon courses start and end in the same place and involve only one transition area.

"Triathlon is a technical sport," Andrew McBarnett, chairman of the British Triathlon Association, said. "You are dealing with three different disciplines, so it is difficult." But after much firing into the air, at least the authorities did not shoot themselves in the foot.

None of the shilly-shallying, though, tarnished Smith's domination of the event nor the heroics of Roman Jezek, of Canada, who completed the 51.5km course at the age of 79. After a solid swim in the cool waters of Rivington reservoir, Smith took control of the race during the 40km cycling leg and had opened up a lead of almost 40 seconds on Hamish Carter, of New Zealand, as he sprinted out of Albert Square for the 10km run, the final leg.

Lessing overtook the New Zealander, but could make no impression on the leader, who won by a wide margin to take the $11,000 (£7,000) first prize. The women's race was much closer, Michellie Jones, of Australia, retaining her world title by just two seconds from Karen Smyers, of the United States.

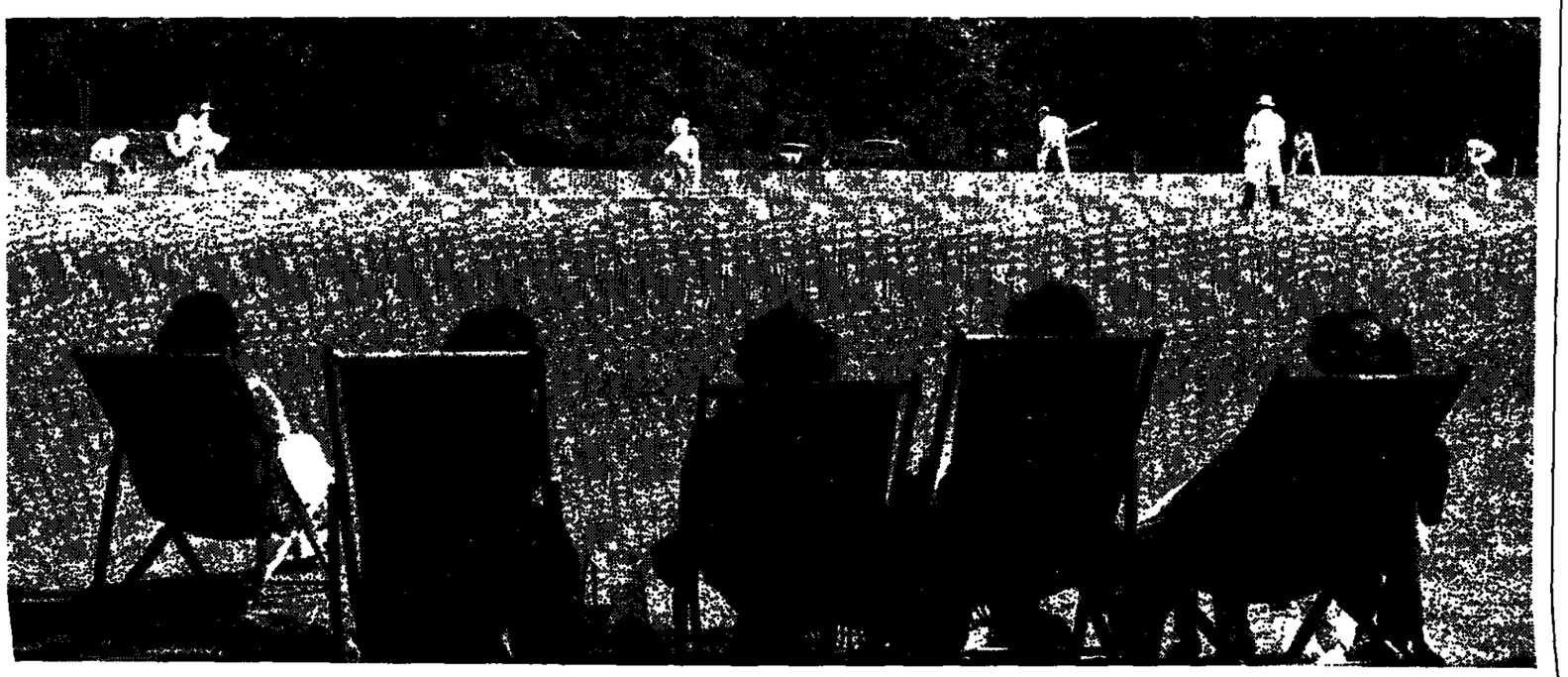
At 20, Smith is the first to win the junior and senior world titles in successive years. His sport needs to grow up with equal speed if it is to win Olympic approval.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Competitors plunge into the Rivington reservoir for the opening leg of the world triathlon championships at Bolton yesterday





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SPORT IN BRIEF

Rain wrecks South Africa's run chase

SOUTH Africa's first one-day cricket international against Sri Lanka, played in Kandy yesterday, was abandoned because of rain. Put in to bat on a slow pitch, Sri Lanka reached 179 for five in 41.3 overs before rain forced the umpires to end the innings prematurely and set new over limits for the match.

South Africa's target was reduced twice after rain interrupted their innings several times and they were finally left to score 107 off 25 overs. In a scramble for runs, South Africa lost four wickets in the space of 44 balls, but rain returned to end hope of a result. South Africa were 52 for four after 14 overs when play was abandoned.

Sri Lanka got off to a good start when their openers, Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurusinghe, put on 110 off 27 overs, but they lost the initiative after Hathurusinghe, who reached a half-century off 81 balls, was caught at deep mid-wicket by Cullinen off Symcox.

Defeat for Britain

HOCKEY: The Great Britain women's team was beaten 2-0 by Australia in its opening match of the Champions Trophy in Amsterdam yesterday. In a contest played in driving rain and dominated by Australia, the World Cup silver medal-winners, Shelley Andrews scored Australia's first goal just before half-time when she beat Hilary Rose, the Great Britain goalkeeper, with a powerful shot after being put through by Alyson Annan. Seven minutes after the interval, Sharon Buchanan found Jackie Pereira at the top of the circle and she drew Rose before slipping the ball to Lisa Powell, who touched the ball in. Richard Charlesworth, the Australia coach, said: "Great Britain were very determined, aggressive, solid and organised and when we did break through we didn't make the most of our chances."

Beerbaum shows class

EQUESTRIANISM: Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion, on Almox Rush On, won the Rotterdam harbour grand prix yesterday, successfully defending the title he won last year on Almox Grand Plaisir. Hugo Simon, of Austria, riding Apricot D, finished second. The Britons faltered, Michael Whitaker, on Everest Midnight Madness, ultimately finishing eighth, and Robert Smith, on Canonball, taking tenth place. Jennie Loriston-Clarke, on Catherston Dazzler, of Britain, won the Zadelhoff dressage, a class at the German 'S' level, by six marks from Els Jansen, on Zazou.

Oliphant retains title

RIFLE SHOOTING: John Oliphant, the Scottish international, put 68 of his 80 shots in the bull's-eye to win the British prone championship for the second successive year at Bisley on Saturday. Oliphant recorded the same score, 394, both at 50 metres and at 100 yards. He had led John Dallimore, of Wales, and John Booker, of Lensbury, by a single point after the 50-metres section, but increased his lead to four points after the 100-yard shoot. Robin Law, of Scotland, finished second, four points behind Oliphant. Don Baker, of Northern Ireland, was third.

Hunslet's home ban

RUGBY LEAGUE: Hunslet have been barred from playing their opening match of the season at Elland Road, the second division club's home since 1982, next Sunday. Leeds city council, the owner of the ground, wants the pitch in pristine condition for the televised FA Carling Premiership match between Leeds United and Oldham the following night. Hunslet, who have switched the home game against Doncaster to September 1, are to seek compensation from the local authority. Meanwhile, Leeds are poised to sign Neil Harmon, the Warrington prop, for £90,000.

Split under scrutiny

CYCLING: Leading cyclists such as Miguel Indurain, three times the winner of the Tour de France, could be separated from their less successful colleagues in a new circuit of elite races, the International Cycling Union (UCI) said yesterday. The union is to spend a year studying the possibility of splitting the crowded programme of professional racing, which runs from February to October. The big teams would contest the tours of France, Italy and Spain, the World Cup series and some other races, while other teams would have their own programme in a "second division".

Cappellini sweeps up

POWERBOATING: Guido Cappellini, of Italy, won the world inland circuit championship after victory in the Dunaújváros grand prix in Hungary yesterday. The race was the seventh round of the nine-race series and quickly developed into a contest between Cappellini and Jonathon Jones, who has won the title three times. When the Welshman had to drop out with mechanical problems 16 laps from the end of the 60-lap race, the Italian had a clear run to the line. Jones remains in third place in the championship.

Morris and Cottey lead Glamorgan to victory

By Jack Bailey

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

TWO very good innings, one by Robin Smith for Hampshire, the other by Hugh Morris, featured large in this match which saw Glamorgan win with 15 balls to spare. Smith's powerful 75 yesterday gave Hampshire the chance to topple Glamorgan from their precarious position at the top of the Axa Equity & Law League.

Morris not only batted eminently sensibly throughout all but four overs of Glamorgan's quest for the 208 needed for victory, but his thoughtful innings set a supreme example of pursuing the chase unhurriedly but surely.

But the innings of the day was played by Tony Cottey, first accompanying his captain in a partnership of 111 in 23 overs, which brought Glamorgan back from a precarious 76 for three with Vivian Richards disappearing into the pavilion. Then Cottey took control slowly but surely. In the end, it was he who saw them home, scuffling between the wickets, placing his shots with care while moving on to an undefeated 75.

Glamorgan's sheer endeavour and, indeed, their resilience makes you feel that this most successful season deserves to be crowned with a title of some kind. The Sunday competition is now the best bet they have, and they remain on course. They were, however, given a stern fight by Hampshire.

Hampshire's innings owed almost everything to a partnership of 117 in 25 overs between Smith and Terry. It took their team to 131 before the fall of the second wicket, that of Terry. Although the half-way mark had been passed by then, a formidable total was in sight.

This never materialised, but there can be no doubt that Robin Smith first transformed, then became the force behind Hampshire's innings. Helmetless, fearless and peerless, he quickly dispelled the tentative approach created by a damp patch at the sea end and lively, accurate bowling from Bastien and Lefebvre.

Malcolm Marshall's promotion to open the innings for the first time on a Sunday could not be rated a success. He was ill at ease, less solid-looking than Terry and, undone by the wet patch, he edged Lefebvre to Metson. It was a mixed blessing for Glamorgan, although the extent to which Smith's entry would affect the issue was not readily apparent as Smith eased his way in and Terry bided his time.

A casual waft for six over long-off by Terry lightened the Hampshire mood and rubbed salt in for Bastien, who had missed Terry from a sharp chance off his own bowling only two overs previously. It was now that Smith came into his own. Croft's off spin at one end and Barwick at the other suited him admirably. Both Bastien and Lefebvre had bowled well, but soon the rugby stand at long-off was clanging out a tune as the white ball landed and rattled around.

Terry was caught at long-off from the persistent Dale but, in full command, Smith went to 75 from 99 balls, hit five sixes and four fours and took Hampshire to 152 before being caught at the furthest part of the ground. With Smith and Terry gone, the tight bowling of Lefebvre, Dale and Richards came into its own.

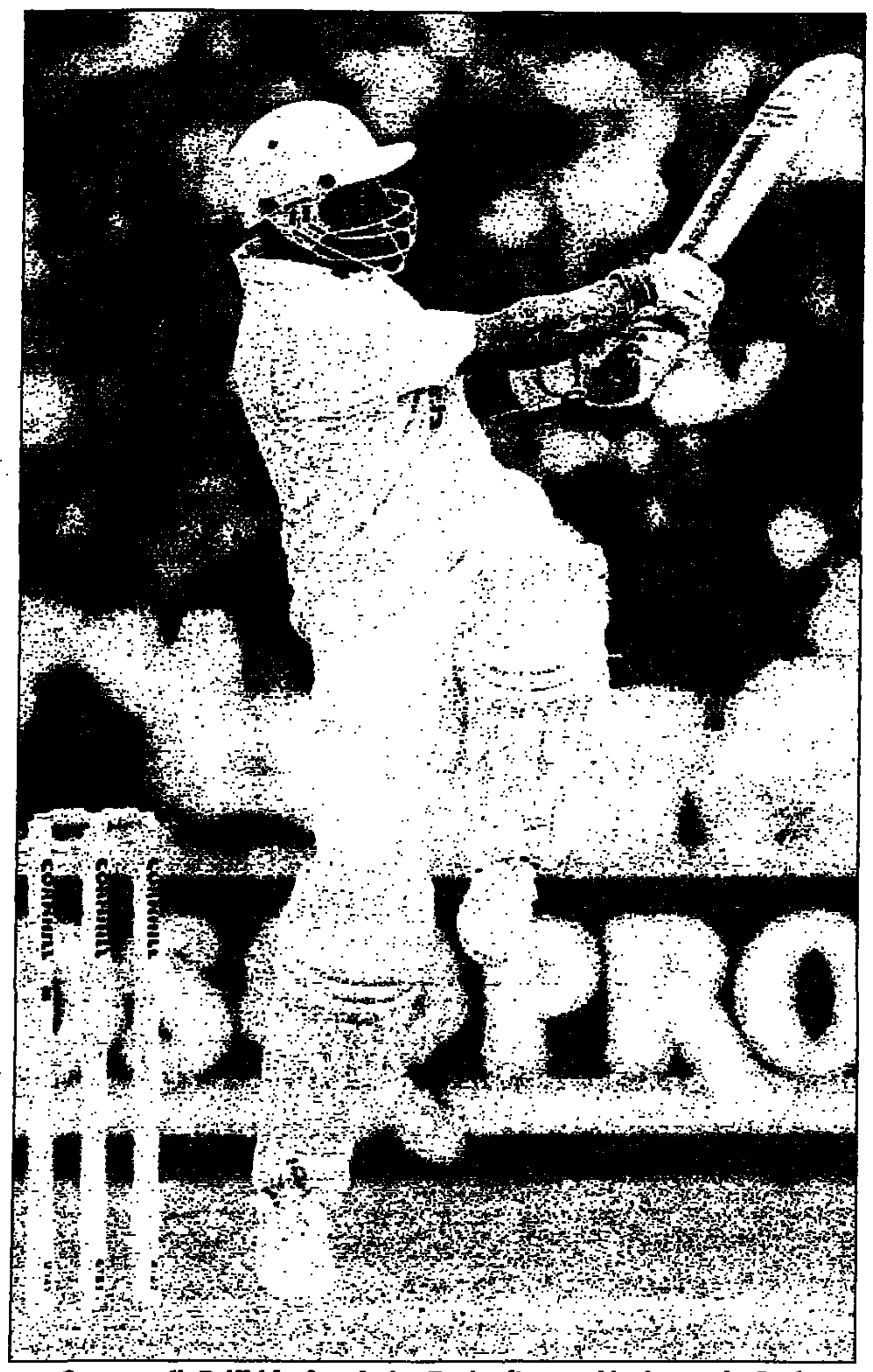
Only Nicholas of the remainder attained double figures. Every chance offered to Glamorgan was taken and excellent ground fielding played a full part in keeping Hampshire within bounds. But on this pitch and with Marshall and two good spinners to face, Glamorgan's record fifteenth win of the season was by no means yet assured.

SUNDAY TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Glamorgan (16)	14	11	2	0	1	46
Kent (5)	14	10	2	0	2	44
Surrey (4)	14	8	4	0	2	36
Sussex (11)	13	8	3	1	1	36
Lancs (11)	13	7	3	1	2	34
Northants (13)	13	7	4	1	1	32
Derbyshire (13)	14	7	6	0	1	30
Middlesex (1)	14	6	6	1	1	28
Yorkshire (15)	13	6	6	0	1	26
Durham (8)	14	5	7	0	2	24
Essex (2)	13	6	7	0	0	24
Warwicks (8)	14	5	8	0	1	22
Worcs (7)	14	4	7	1	2	22
Gloucs (6)	13	4	7	1	1	20
Hampshire (3)	13	3	7	0	3	18
Leics (18)	13	4	8	0	1	18
Notts (17)	13	3	10	0	0	12
Somerset (5)	13	2	9	0	2	12

England in tune with pitch

John Woodcock on the part played by a fast and true surface in the sixth Test at the Oval



Stewart pulls Reiffel for four during England's second innings at the Oval yesterday. Reiffel later dismissed him for 35. Photograph: Ian Stewart

THE final Test match at the Oval has made good watching, and nobody has had more to do with that, in his testimonial year, than the Surrey groundsman, Harry Brind. His pitch has had pace and true bounce, as well as something for the attacking spinner.

England are doing much better, too. Fraser and Malcolm may consider themselves fortunate to have been brought back in such conditions. It is no use thinking that things would have been different if these two had been in partnership earlier in the series, because the chances are they would not. Malcolm can be as much of a liability on slow pitches, such as Edgbaston, as, once in a while, he is a trump card on faster ones, and Fraser has only recently begun to get his confidence back.

There are, in fact, few pitches in the world with the characteristics of this one. The West Indians would have loved it, as would Craig McDermott, whose absence the Australians have felt more than at any time since he had to return home in June. It was a mighty effort by Hughes to remove Maynard and Hussain on Saturday evening when he was just about on his knees.

It means as much for a bowler to have as big a heart as Hughes does as it does for a batsman to have the right temperament, and questions are sure to be asked now not about Maynard's talent but his capacity for Test cricket. I hope the selectors persevere with him and take him to the West Indies, but he is not making it easy for them.

There is no need to be pessimistic about the West Indian tour. A new drive is already detectable under Atherton and he has increasingly little reason to think that he is not a good enough batsman to be in the side. Few England captains would not have been satisfied with 553 runs in a series against Australia at an average of 46.

There have been regular complaints from the England camp this summer about the Test pitches, particularly that the management's requests for green ones have gone unheeded. That such conditions were thought to be the answer to England's needs always seemed to me to be hypothetical. It presupposed that they would bowl better on a seamer's delight than Hughes and Reiffel, and that Warne would be less effective. In the event, England have probably been better suited by Harry Brind's creation, which has boosted the egos of their bowlers by enabling them to rap a few Australian knuckles.

To find as fair a pitch, by which I mean a better pitch for producing a well-balanced contest between bat and ball, would not be easy. One might do so, very occasionally, in Lahore and Madras, or at Christchurch, in New Zealand, or from time to time in Adelaide. I would not know where go for one in South Africa, where they have been leaving too much grass on pitches for years.

In the Caribbean for the recent series between West Indies and Pakistan, Georgetown and Bridgetown were both excellent pitches, conducive to the sort of game, as long as it is strictly umpired, that would give a sprightly England side a sporting chance in the early part of next year.

☐ Rain forced the abandonment of the one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka in Kandy yesterday, the first between the two countries. Chasing a revised target of 107 off 25 overs, South Africa reached 52 for four when play was abandoned.

Sri Lanka had earlier made 179 for five in 41.3 overs before rain forced the umpires to end the innings prematurely. South Africa's target was reduced twice after rain interrupted their innings several times. In a scramble for runs, they lost four wickets in the space of 44 balls, but the rain returned to end all hope of a result.

Thrilling climax to Sunday league in offing

By Ivo Tennant

THE Axa Equity & Law League has its critics. Just about everybody in the game, that is. Hence the delight for its overlords that a thrilling climax is in sight: Glamorgan, the leaders, play Kent, in second place, at Canterbury on the final Sunday of the season, September 19. They are separated by just two points.

When, at Worcester, the players came off for rain in late afternoon, Kent still needed 44 runs from 12 overs, five wickets in hand. That they won was through the tightest of run-rate calculations: 3.76 an over to Worcestershire's 3.72. They would not have done so had Fleming not hit two runs off the last ball to be bowled. Equally pleasing is that Igglesden is fit and taking wickets — five for 29 in this match. Alas for him, there are no further Tests this summer and his fitness has been such that to take him to the West Indies would be a gamble indeed.

Surrey, fourth placed at the start of play, won at Ilkeston by five wickets in spite of Bowler, **Derbyshire's** acting captain, carrying his bat for an unbeaten 76. Adams, his opening partner, made 66 but the remainder of the batting was disappointing. Needing 202 to win this 46 overs-a-side match, Surrey achieved their victory chiefly through Ward making an unbeaten 81.

Elsewhere, **Somerset** ended a run of eight successive defeats by beating Leicestershire by 96 runs. Folland made his first century in this competition, off 119 balls, and Lathwell an accomplished 75 from 92 balls.

A superb unbeaten 65 by Lamb, off only 43 balls, enabled **Northamptonshire** to gain an unlikely victory over **Middlesex**. With ten overs left, they still needed 78. Lamb went from 36 to 65 off only 11 balls, finishing with a six and a four from successive balls.

On Saturday, Middlesex completed a ten-wicket victory over Northamptonshire and hence made the Britannic Assurance county championship theirs in all but mathematical certainty. Emburey and Tufnell took most of the wickets, as they have for most of the season, in bowling out their opponents for 180. Given that Surrey lost to Derbyshire and that **Glamorgan** have much to do if they are to beat **Hampshire**, Middlesex should have a near-impregnable lead tonight.

Gooch's graph shows no signs of decline

By Alan Lee

GRAHAM Gooch reached the statistical summit of English batting on Saturday with a shot, and a reaction, that epitomised him. Gooch passed David Gower's record aggregate of 8,231 Test runs with an emphatic off-driven four and then, as the Oval stood to acclaim him, he showed barely a flicker of emotion.

Shaking the hands offered, including those of Michael Atherton and Allan Border, Gooch nodded his acknowledgement of the sustained ovation before signalling that he wished to resume normal business by asking the umpire how many balls were left in the over.

Much later, his concession to the moment was to say it had been "a relief to get it out of the way".

As ever with Gooch, figures and personal achievement were secondary to the desire to win.

The capacity crowd revelled in the history of the moment, however, and on one of many roof-top vantage points outside the ground, a massive banner was unfurled, reading simply: "Well Done Gooch".

It had the look of a farewell message and there were certainly those present who believed they were witnessing Gooch's final Test innings. Gladly, the man himself thinks differently.

His career graph is showing no signs of decline with the arrival of his forties and, with 673 runs in this series at an average of 56, he remains far and away England's best player.

If there is one curious but significant mark of the Australians' respect for him, it is that he is automatically exempted from "sledging".

Gooch will not, and must not, change his mind about touring this winter, for his heart would not be in the routine. But he will surely be back in the England side next summer, for his appetite to bat remains undiminished by the pressures of even this extraordinary year.

ENGLAND'S BEST

	Tests	Runs	Ave
G A Gooch	107	8293	43.87
D I Gower	117	8231	44.25
G Boycott	108	8114	47.72
M C Cowdrey	114	7624	44.06
W R Hammond	85	7249	58.45
L Hutton	79	6971	56.67
K F Barrington	82	6806	58.67

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Leicestershire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE *(third day of four): Leicestershire (23pts) beat Somerset (4) by an innings and 15 runs*

SOMERSET: First Innings 112

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Smith b Mullally 13
M N Lathwell lbw b Millns 1
N A Folland c Millns b Parsons 12
*R J Harden c Nixon b Millns 38
I Fletcher b Millns 24
M Trescothick c Nixon b Mullally 0
G D Rose c Millns b Mullally 40
†R J Turner c Nixon b Millns 1
Mushtaq Ahmed lbw b Millns 5
A R Caddick b Mullally 6
N A Mallender not out 25
Extras (b 17, lb 1, w 1, nb 9) 28
Total 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-15, 3-49, 4-98, 5-99, 6-99, 7-103, 8-109, 9-116

BOWLING: Mullally 20.4-5-63-4; Millns 25-3-78-5; Parsons 11-4-17-1; Pierson 11-6-10-0; Wells 7-5-7-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (J J Whitaker 92, P A Nixon 61; G D Rose 6 for 83)

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd

Derbyshire v Surrey

ILKESTON *(third day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Surrey (4) by six wickets*

SURREY: First Innings 205 (A W Smith 68; A E Warner 5 for 57)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell b Cork 32
P D Atkins lbw b Cork 12
*M A Lynch lbw b Steer 58
A D Brown c Bowler b Steer 20
A W Smith lbw b Mortensen 14
D M Ward c Adams b Steer 5
A J Hollioake c and b Warner 123
†G J Kersey c Bowler b Sladdin 33
Waqar Younis c Mortensen b Vandrau 19
J E Benjamin c Krikken b Warner 0
A J Murphy not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 8) 15
Total 332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-69, 3-110, 4-131, 5-131, 6-150, 7-288, 8-327, 9-331

BOWLING: Warner 22.4-5-73-2; Cork 27-4-80-2; Mortensen 13-3-42-1; Steer 6-1-23-3; Sladdin 22-5-66-1; Vandrau 11-1-41-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 438 for 9 dec (P D Bowler 143, J E Morris 127)

Second Innings

*P D Bowler c Hollioake b Murphy 45
J E Morris c Kersey b Murphy 35
C J Adams b Murphy 15
A S Rollins c Lynch b Benjamin 0
G S Steer not out 1
M J Vandrau not out 0
Extras (lb 4) 4
Total (4 wkts) 100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-86, 3-99, 4-99.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 3-0-28-0; Benjamin 10.5-1-30-1; Murphy 8-1-38-3.

Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA *(third day of four): Hampshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are [illegible] runs ahead of Glamorgan*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 417 (V P Terry 174, M D Marshall 75 not out, A N Aymes [illegible]; R D B Croft 5 for 157)

BOWLING: Thomas 3-0-24-0; Lefebvre 2-0-5-0; Croft 27-7-65-3; Dale 10-1-32-0; Barwick 16.4-6-33-0

Second Innings

R A Smith c Hemp b Croft 48
V P Terry c Lefebvre b Croft 32
D I Gower not out 35
*M C J Nicholas c Cottey b Croft 1
R M F Cox not out 31
Extras (lb 1, w 2) 3
Total (3 wkts) 150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-84, 3-89

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Flint 80
*H Morris c Nicholas b Shine 8
A Dale lbw b Marshall 5
I V A Richards b Flint 67
P A Cottey c Smith b Udal 6
D L Hemp c Aymes b Marshall 24
R D B Croft c Udal b Marshall 23
†C P Metson lbw b Marshall 3
R P Lefebvre c and b Marshall 19
S D Thomas not out 16
S R Barwick b Udal 11
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 18) 26
Total (98 overs) 288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-19, 3-157, 4-180, 5-180, 6-225, 7-231, 8-238, 9-259

BOWLING: Shine 9-2-35-1; Marshall 23-8-62-5; James 8-2-32-0; Udal 38-9-109-2; Flint 20-9-43-2.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Hampshire 7

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight

Middlesex v Northamptonshire

LORD'S *(third day of four): Middlesex (23 pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by ten wickets*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 402 (J E Emburey 120, K R Brown 72)

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out 9
M A Roseberry retired hurt 0
*M W Gatting not out 0
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (no wkt) 11

BOWLING: Taylor 1-0-9-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Cowans 4
N A Felton c Brown b Cowans 0
R J Bailey not out 95
*A J Lamb lbw b Feltham 15
M B Loye b Tufnell 41
K M Curran c Roseberry b Tufnell 0
†D Ripley run out 10
A R Roberts c Roseberry b Emburey 3
C E L Ambrose lbw b Emburey 19
N G B Cook c Tufnell b Emburey 16
J P Taylor c Haynes b Cowans 0
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 10) 29
Total 232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-34, 4-122, 5-122, 6-137, 7-160, 8-192, 9-222.

BOWLING: Williams 4-2-5-0; Cowans 15.5-2-43-3; Emburey 31-10-51-3; Feltham 15-3-30-1; Tufnell 33-7-70-2; Weekes 6-2-15-0



Rhodes: unbeaten 100 for Worcestershire

Second Innings

A Fordham b Cowans 4
N A Felton lbw b Cowans 15
R J Bailey c Carr b Emburey 29
*A J Lamb run out 39
M B Loye c Carr b Tufnell 35
K M Curran st Brown b Tufnell 0
†D Ripley c Carr b Emburey 8
A R Roberts c Roseberry b Tufnell 12
C E L Ambrose c Carr b Emburey 16
N G B Cook b Emburey 3
J P Taylor not out 8
Extras (lb 9, nb 2) 11
Total 180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-41, 3-53, 4-130, 5-130, 6-131, 7-144, 8-168, 9-171.

BOWLING: Cowans 9-1-37-2; Feltham 8-3-21-0; Emburey 21.3-8-38-4; Tufnell 14-3-56-3; Weekes 5-0-19-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Northamptonshire 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER *(third day of four): Kent, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 236 runs behind Worcestershire*

KENT: First Innings 189 (M A Ealham 54 not out; C M Tolley 5 for 55)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Rhodes b Illingworth 25
T R Ward c Illingworth b Tolley 30
N J Llong c Curtis b Illingworth 45
C L Hooper c Haynes b Illingworth 38
N R Taylor not out 1
D W Headley not out 1
Extras (lb 2, w 1) 3
Total (4 wkts) 143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-74, 3-140, 4-141.

BOWLING: Radford 9-2-30-0; Tolley 8-2-23-1; Illingworth 19-9-47-3; Newport 10-2-30-0; Haynes 5-1-8-0; D'Oliveira 5-2-3-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Fleming b Ealham 127
M J Weston c Marsh b Igglesden 9
G R Haynes c Hooper b Headley 158
D A Leatherdale c Marsh b Headley 38
D B D'Oliveira c Headley b Fleming 45
†S J Rhodes not out 100
P J Newport c Taylor b Fleming 4
C M Tolley b Hooper 28
R K Illingworth not out 24
Extras (b 4, lb 22, nb 14) 40
Total (7 wkts dec) 568

N V Radford and K C G Benjamin did not bat

Score at 120 overs: 372-4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-283, 3-341, 4-360, 5-436, 6-452, 7-515.

BOWLING: Igglesden 32-10-67-1; Headley 35-6-108-2; Fleming 41.5-10-128-2; Ealham 27-4-103-1; Hooper 37-6-117-1; Llong 6-1-19-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Kent 1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL *(third day of four): Essex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 325 runs to beat Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (M W Alleyne 104, T H C Hancock 52)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Pringle b Childs 18
G D Hodgson lbw b Childs 7
R I Dawson c Shahid b Ilott 41
S G Hinks lbw b Childs 3
M W Alleyne c Topley b Salim 27
T H C Hancock b Ilott 0
†R C Russell c Childs b Topley 65
M Davies c Knight b Ilott 0
*C A Walsh c Garnham b Topley 27
K E Cooper run out 6
A M Babington not out 0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 1, nb 14) 26
Total 220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-37, 3-46, 4-102, 5-103, 6-120, 7-132, 8-203, 9-220.

BOWLING: Ilott 29-10-38-3; Topley 23.5-6-71-2; Childs 30-9-62-3; Salim Malik 15-1-38-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 216

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Essex 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON *(third day of four): Warwickshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 138 runs ahead of Durham*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 281 (P A Smith 55; S J E Brown 5 for 78)

Second Innings

*A J Moles c Scott b Cummins 0
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Graveney 29
D P Ostler c Daley b Brown 85
Asif Din c Scott b Brown 25
R G Twose c Parker b Graveney 23
P A Smith not out 23
N M K Smith not out 7
Extras (b 2, lb 11, nb 4) 17
Total (5 wkts) 226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-68, 3-142, 4-151, 5-200.

BOWLING: Cummins 19-4-47-1; Hughes 18-8-25-0; Brown 21-2-75-2; Bainbridge 12-3-29-0; Graveney 20-6-37-2.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler lbw b P A Smith 6
W Larkins b P A Smith 2
P W G Parker c Asif Din b Twose 159
S Hutton lbw b Twose 18
P Bainbridge c Ratcliffe b P A Smith 5
J A Daley c Asif Din b Moles 79
†C W Scott lbw b Bell 8
A C Cummins c sub b Twose 17
*D A Graveney b Bell 7
S J E Brown c Asif Din b Twose 12
S P Hughes not out 3
Extras (b 3, lb 18, w 2, nb 32) 55
Total 369

Score at 120 overs: 331-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-34, 3-70, 4-79, 5-264, 6-272, 7-304, 8-327, 9-344

BOWLING: Bell 31-8-96-2; P A Smith 26-8-69-3; Twose 34-4-85-4; N M K Smith 25-10-51-0; Giles 11-1-37-0; Moles 5-1-10-1.

Bonus points: Durham 7, Warwickshire 5.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD *(third day of four): Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 197 runs to beat Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 242 (M P Vaughan 64, A P Grayson 64; Wasim Akram 8 for 68)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c DeFreitas b Martin 16
M P Vaughan c Hegg b DeFreitas 28
R B Richardson st Hegg b Watkinson 50
D Byas b Wasim 73
†R J Blakey c Crawley b Wasim 37
C White c Hegg b DeFreitas 3
A P Grayson b DeFreitas 3
P Carrick c Fairbrother b Wasim 0
D Gough c Hegg b Martin 23
P J Hartley not out 13
M A Robinson b Wasim 0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 8) 12
Total 258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-73, 3-123, 4-194, 5-216, 6-218, 7-220, 8-220, 9-257.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 29.4-6-57-4; Martin 18-4-43-2; DeFreitas 22-4-55-3; Watkinson 20-6-71-1; Chapple 5-0-22-0; Irani 1-0-6-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 167 (G D Mendis 55)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Byas b Robinson 26
J P Crawley not out 68
R C Irani c Richardson b Robinson 0
N J Speak not out 33
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 4) 10
Total (2 wkts) 137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-60.

BOWLING: Gough 9-2-50-0; Robinson 18-7-30-2; Hartley 1-0-9-0; Carrick 16-7-21-0; Vaughan 4-0-19-0; White 1-0-2-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Equity & Law League

Middlesex v Northamptonshire

LORD'S *(Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Middlesex on a faster run rate in an overs-reduced match*

MIDDLESEX

J C Pooley c Taylor b Ambrose 3
D L Haynes c Ambrose b Taylor 67
P N Weekes b Curran 36
J D Carr c Fordham b Bailey 32
A Habib c Loye b Taylor 15
*M W Gatting b Ambrose 2
†K R Brown not out 10
M Keech not out 2
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 6, nb 4) 18
Total (6 wkts, 38 overs) 185

R L Johnson, N G Cowans and C W Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-119, 3-124, 4-160, 5-163, 6-182.

BOWLING: Walker 7-1-38-0; Ambrose 8-1-18-2; Curran 8-0-46-1; Taylor 8-0-37-2; Cook 4-0-26-0; Bailey 3-0-12-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Gatting b Keech 36
M B Loye c Weekes b Taylor 11
R J Bailey b Weekes 7
R J Warren c Carr b Taylor 12
*A J Lamb not out 65
K M Curran st Brown b Keech 17
†D Ripley run out 0
C E L Ambrose not out 1
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 10) 24
Total (6 wkts, 34.2 overs) 173

A Walker, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-46, 3-60, 4-140, 5-140, 6-157.

BOWLING: Johnson 7.2-1-46-0; Cowans 7-3-30-0; Taylor 8-0-33-2; Weekes 8-1-28-1; Keech 4-0-22-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Derbyshire v Surrey

ILKESTON *(Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Derbyshire by five wickets in an overs-reduced match*

DERBYSHIRE

*P D Bowler not out 76
C J Adams lbw b Boiling 66
J E Morris lbw b Hollioake 14
T J G O'Gorman b Hollioake 8
A S Rollins run out 0
D G Cork b Benjamin 8
F A Griffith b Waqar 3
†K M Krikken c Kersey b Waqar 3
A E Warner lbw b Waqar 6
S J Base run out 0
O H Mortensen run out 1
Extras (lb 9, w 5, nb 2) 16
Total (45.4 overs) 201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-125, 3-137, 4-147, 5-162, 6-168, 7-183, 8-191, 9-191.

BOWLING: Butcher 9-0-50-0; Benjamin 7.4-1-26-1; Hollioake 9-0-43-2; Waqar Younis 10-1-33-3; Boiling 10-0-40-1

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b Mortensen 0
A D Brown c Cork b Base 5
D M Ward not out 81
*M A Lynch b Base 3
A W Smith c and b Cork 58
A J Hollioake lbw b Base 1
M A Butcher not out 27
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 13, nb 8) 28
Total (5 wkts, 45.1 overs) 203

†G J Kersey, Waqar Younis, J Boiling and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-10, 3-16, 4-129, 5-132.

BOWLING: Mortensen 10-2-21-1; Base 10-0-34-3; Warner 9-1-40-0; Griffith 6.1-0-53-0; Cork 10-1-48-1

Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD *(Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by three wickets in an overs-reduced match*

YORKSHIRE

D Byas c Barnett b DeFreitas 12
M P Vaughan lbw b DeFreitas 6
M J Foster hit wicket b Wasim 7
*M D Moxon lbw b Yates 35
†R J Blakey c Yates b Barnett 38
A P Grayson st Hegg b Barnett 3
C White st Hegg b Yates 24
D Gough run out 15
R D Stemp not out 12
J D Batty c Fairbrother b DeFreitas 3
M A Robinson not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 7, nb 2) 18
Total (9 wkts, 45 overs) 173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-32, 4-88, 5-104, 6-119, 7-144, 8-166, 9-171.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-31-3; Austin 5-3-7-0; Watkinson 9-2-26-0; Wasim Akram 9-0-30-1; Barnett 5-0-35-2; Yates 9-0-35-2.

LANCASHIRE

S P Titchard b White 18
I D Austin b Foster 25
J P Crawley c and b White 11
*N H Fairbrother c Byas b Batty 32
N J Speak run out 14
Wasim Akram not out 51
M Watkinson run out 1
P A J DeFreitas b Robinson 3
†W K Hegg not out 3
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 3, nb 6) 16
Total (7 wkts, 43.4 overs) 174

A A Barnett and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-56, 3-69, 4-98, 5-147, 6-149, 7-166.

BOWLING: Gough 8.4-1-27-0; Robinson 9-1-44-1; Foster 5-0-20-1; White 9-1-35-2; Stemp 4-0-14-0; Batty 8-0-27-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON *(Durham won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Warwickshire by two wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Hughes 4
J D Ratcliffe c Fowler b Bainbridge 6
D P Ostler c Scott b Brown 20
P A Smith c sub b Bainbridge 39
Asif Din b Cummins 66
R G Twose b Smith 25
N M K Smith b Cummins 17
†M Burns not out 5
D R Brown run out 8
M A V Bell b Cummins 3
*T A Munton b Cummins 0
Extras (lb 2, w 2) 4
Total (50 overs) 195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-20, 3-46, 4-101, 5-155, 6-179, 7-182, 8-189, 9-195

BOWLING: Hughes 10-3-29-1; Cummins 10-2-29-4; Brown 10-1-37-1; Bainbridge 10-2-49-2; Graveney 8-1-32-0; Smith 2-0-17-1.

DURHAM

G Fowler c Munton b N M K Smith 38
W Larkins c N M K Smith b Bell 43
P W G Parker b N M K Smith 3
P Bainbridge run out 32
S Hutton c Twose b N M K Smith 9
I Smith b Twose 17
A C Cummins c Burns b Twose 19
†C W Scott c Munton b Twose 15
*D A Graveney not out 4
S J E Brown not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 4, nb 2) 17
Total (8 wkts, 49.2 overs) 197

S P Hughes did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-75, 3-124, 4-130, 5-144, 6-166, 7-189, 8-193.

BOWLING: Munton 9.2-1-38-0; Brown 7-3-23-0; P A Smith 6-0-36-0; Bell 10-1-40-1; N M K Smith 10-1-28-3; Twose 7-0-31-3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL *(Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by three wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

B C Broad b Topley 3
G D Hodgson b Ilott 2
S G Hinks c Childs b Topley 4
M W Alleyne c Garnham b Boden 4
R J Scott b Stephenson 45
T H C Hancock lbw b Childs 10
†R C Russell run out 27
R C Williams lbw b Stephenson 0
*C A Walsh run out 18
M Davies st Garnham b Stephenson 9
A M Smith not out 0
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 6) 13
Total (49.1 overs) 135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 3-15, 4-30, 5-49, 6-97, 7-97, 8-114, 9-134

BOWLING: Ilott 10-2-16-1; Topley 10-3-40-2; Boden 10-1-31-1; Stephenson 9.1-1-24-3; Childs 10-1-19-1.

ESSEX

N V Knight c Russell b Williams 22
J P Stephenson c Smith b Williams 35
N Shahid st Russell b Alleyne 18
Salim Malik lbw b Davies 12
*P J Prichard lbw b Alleyne 6
†M A Garnham lbw b Smith 4
J J B Lewis not out 13
T D Topley c Alleyne b Smith 2
M C Ilott not out 17
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 2) 8
Total (7 wkts, 49.1 overs) 139

D J P Boden and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-59, 3-82, 4-98, 5-100, 6-109, 7-113.

BOWLING: Smith 9.1-3-33-2; Walsh 10-1-25-0; Scott 10-3-17-0; Williams 10-3-29-2; Davies 4-0-17-1; Alleyne 6-0-15-2

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White

Somerset v Leicestershire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE *(Leicestershire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Leicestershire by 96 runs*

SOMERSET

I Fletcher c Nixon b Parsons 5
M N Lathwell b Pierson 75
N A Folland not out 107
*R J Harden c Nixon b Mullally 3
G D Rose c Benson b Parsons 6
M Trescothick lbw b Pierson 4
Mushtaq Ahmed c Wells b Parsons 3
A Payne b Parsons 0
†R J Turner run out 1
J I D Kerr not out 15
Extras (b 7, lb 3, w 5, nb 6) 21
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 240

A P Van Troost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-120, 3-137, 4-174, 5-192, 6-208, 7-211, 8-213.

BOWLING: Parsons 10-1-31-4; Mullally 10-2-42-1; Dakin 6-0-38-0; Wells 10-0-51-0; Pierson 10-0-55-2; Benson 4-0-13-0

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c Harden b Kerr 14
J D R Benson c Turner b van Troost 13
*J J Whitaker c Harden b van Troost 0
P E Robinson lbw b Rose 18
B F Smith lbw b Mushtaq 25
V J Wells run out 39
†P A Nixon b Mushtaq 11
J Dakin run out 2
G J Parsons c Lathwell b Kerr 7
A R K Pierson c Turner b van Troost 0
A D Mullally not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 4, nb 2) 15
Total (41.3 overs) 144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-37, 4-78, 5-83, 6-125, 7-129, 8-143, 9-144

BOWLING: Rose 8-1-28-1; Van Troost 7.3-1-17-3; Kerr 8-0-33-2; Payne 6-0-15-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-28-2; Lathwell 2-0-14-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER *(Worcestershire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Worcestershire on a faster run-rate in an overs-reduced match*

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis c Llong b Igglesden 6
D B D'Oliveira c Cowdrey b Igglesden 25
A C H Seymour b Headley 20
G R Haynes c and b Igglesden 6
D A Leatherdale lbw b Igglesden 0
†S J Rhodes c Cowdrey b Hooper 35
M J Weston b Igglesden 24
S R Lampitt not out 23
P J Newport b Headley 14
N V Radford b Headley 8
R K Illingworth not out 3
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 4, nb 4) 24
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-35, 3-51, 4-51, 5-77, 6-123, 7-129, 8-161, 9-175.

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-1-29-5; Ealham 10-2-43-0; Fleming 10-0-25-0; Headley 10-0-47-3; Hooper 10-1-26-1

KENT

T R Ward c D'Oliveira b Newport 27
N J Llong c Rhodes b Haynes 6
C L Hooper run out 47
N R Taylor lbw b Haynes 9
J I Longley c Rhodes b Lampitt 20
G R Cowdrey not out 10
M V Fleming not out 11
Extras (lb 11, w 2) 13
Total (5 wkts, 38 overs) 143

*†S A Marsh, M A Ealham, D W Headley and A P Igglesden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-65, 4-110, 5-124.

BOWLING: Newport 8-1-34-1; Haynes 10-2-30-2; Radford 9-0-35-0; Lampitt 9-0-21-1; Illingworth 2-0-12-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA *(Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets*

HAMPSHIRE

M D Marshall c Metson b Lefebvre 6
V P Terry c Barwick b Dale 48
R A Smith c Cottey b Dale 75
J R Wood b Dale 8
*M C J Nicholas c Lefebvre b Barwick 21
R M F Cox b Richards 2
†A N Aymes not out 7
S D Udal c Metson b Lefebvre 0
M Jean-Jacques c Cottey b Barwick 4
C A Connor not out 8
Extras (b 2, lb 15, w 11) 28
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 207

I J Turner did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-131, 3-152, 4-167, 5-176, 6-186, 7-188, 8-201

BOWLING: Bastien 10-1-33-0; Lefebvre 10-2-22-2; Croft 8-0-46-0; Barwick 9-1-49-2; Dale 6-0-25-3; Richards 7-0-15-1

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out 4
*H Morris run out 81
A Dale lbw b Jean-Jacques 20
I V A Richards c Nicholas b Turner 5
P A Cottey not out 75
R D B Croft not out 6
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 14) 18
Total (4 wkts, 47.3 overs) 209

D L Hemp, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S Bastien and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-57, 3-76, 4-187

BOWLING: Connor 10-0-53-0; Marshall 9.3-2-32-0; Jean-Jacques 10-0-47-1; Turner 10-0-41-1; Udal 8-0-33-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight

One-day international

Sri Lanka v South Africa

KANDY *(South Africa won toss): Match abandoned*

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama run out 49
U C Hathurusinghe c Cullinan b Symcox 51
P A de Silva c Rhodes c Symcox 2
*A Ranatunga c Snell b Donald 29
S T Jayasuriya run out 3
A P Gurusinha not out 22
†R S Kaluwitharana not out 1
Extras (lb 7, w 15) 22
Total (5 wkts, 41.3 overs) 179

H C Tillekaratne, R S Kalpage, G P Wickremasinghe and M Muralidaran did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-116, 3-121, 4-127, 5-171

BOWLING: Donald 7-0-23-1; De Villiers 5-0-23-0; Snell 6.3-0-33-0; McMillan 5-0-33-0; Symcox 9-1-28-2; Cronje 9-0-32-0

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson b De Silva 6
*K C Wessels c Ranatunga b De Silva 4
W J Cronje c Mahanama b Muralidaran 22
D J Cullinan b Muralidaran 0
J N Rhodes not out 8
B M McMillan not out 3
Extras (lb 5, w 4) 9
Total (4 wkts, 14 overs) 52

†D J Richardson, R P Snell, P S de Villiers, P Symcox and A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-25, 3-39, 4-40

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 3-1-6-0; De Silva 5-0-23-2; Kalpage 1-0-3-0; Muralidaran 3-0-8-2; Jayasuriya 2-0-8-0.

Umpires: P Manuel and B C Cooray

Winner and runner-up in Murphy's English Open clinch Ryder Cup places

Woosnam's victory gives him week's rest

By Mel Webb

IAN Woosnam showed his mastery of the fine art of brinkmanship when he waited until almost the last moment before claiming a Ryder Cup place with victory in the Murphy's English Open yesterday. The manner of his triumph, however, was very different. Put simply, he walked it.

On Friday Woosnam, at total peace with his putter for the first time in almost two years, said he felt a low round coming on. He could not have read his form better. He closed with rounds of 65 and 66 for a total of 269, 19 under par, to beat the Italian, Costantino Rocca, who had a final 69, by two strokes with the veteran Spaniard, José Maria Cañizares, a shot further back.

The £100,000 first prize thus moved Woosnam from tenth place in the Ryder Cup list to fourth on 373,938 points, while Rocca's £66,660 haul hoisted him from seventh to fifth. Both can, at last, breathe easily.

TABLE

EUROPEAN RYDER CUP TABLE: Leading positions (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, N Faldo, 583,022.50; 2, C Montgomerie, 451,988.08; 3, B Langer (Ger), 412,108.98; 4, I Woosnam, 374,838.12; 5, C Rocca (It), 371,257.25; 6, B Lane, 369,382.75; 7, M James, 345,385.08; 8, S Torrance, 326,929.20; 9, P Baker, 306,209.17; 10, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 282,488.14; 11, R Rafferty, 276,575.99; 12, M Roe, 270,965.74; 13, J Haeggman (Swe), 267,683.43; 14, P Broadhurst, 262,856.84; 15, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223.26; 16, S Richardson, 252,636.24; 17, J Spence, 242,343.31; 18, G Brand Jr, 236,623.93.

Their performances at the Forest of Arden this week have confirmed an appointment with the United States just a handful of miles up the road at The Belfry next month.

Among the first to congratulate Woosnam was Bernard Gallacher, the Europe Ryder Cup captain. "I am absolutely delighted for Ian," he said. "He has shown tremendous commitment, especially in the last few weeks. He is obviously playing very well, and there is no question that his experience will be a big plus factor for us at The Belfry."

For Woosnam the overwhelming feeling was one of relief. "I'm thrilled to have won," he said. "I've been playing well for some time, but my putting was holding me back. Now I feel that everything has got a little bit better. Now I'm just looking forward to the Ryder Cup."

Woosnam, who had said that if his Cup place was not assured he would have been prepared to play this week in the German Open — the last counting event for Cup points — will now take the week off for a spot of rest and recreation in his new home in Jersey.

With Woosnam's victory, the spotlight has been turned on to José Maria Olazábal, who has been pushed down to tenth place in the Cup list. Only the top nine earn their places by right, and Olazábal had said that he would not be playing again in Europe before Gallacher nominates his three wild-card selections a week today.

Olazábal has been playing in the United States for the last two weeks, and he may now feel obliged to give Gallacher as much freedom as possible by trying to play his way into the team this week in Düsseldorf.

Woosnam's form in the last two rounds of the tournament was that of a man completely in charge of his game. Yesterday he played 17 holes in seven under par, and the fact that he had his second bogey of the day on the 72nd hole of the tournament was no more than a statistical irrelevance. He had at least one hand on the silverware long before that.

He rolled in an eight-foot putt on the 5th for his third birdie of the day to move to 16 under par, a shot in front of Rocca, the leader by one at the start of the day.

At the next came the pivotal point of the round. He cast his drive way to the right, one of his few wayward shots of the day, and was saved from a lost ball in the nick of time with the help of several hundred volunteers from the gallery.

He dropped a shot there, but so did Rocca, and after that small alarm he moved steadily, irrevocably, towards victory. Here was a man on a mission; he completed the job like the thoroughbred performer he is.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (British and Irish unless stated): 269: I Woosnam, 71, 67, 65, 66. 271: C Rocca (It), 70, 68, 64, 69. 272: J-M Cañizares (Sp), 66, 71, 66, 69. 278: R Rafferty, 73, 68, 69, 68; D Clarke, 68, 72, 68, 70. 279: P Mitchell, 70, 72, 69, 68; B Marchbank, 70, 69, 74, 66; P-U Johansson (Swe), 68, 73, 69, 69; M Roe, 69, 73, 67, 70. 280: R Goosen (SA), 74, 67, 70, 69; H Clark, 71, 69, 68, 72; J Haeggman (Swe), 70, 69, 68, 73. 281: A Bossert (Switz), 72, 72, 68, 69; P Broadhurst, 69, 73, 69, 70; A Lyle, 72, 70, 69, 70; P Curry, 69, 70, 71, 71; A Johnstone (Zim), 66, 71, 73, 71; S Richardson, 67, 72, 70, 72; J Rivero (Sp), 69, 69, 70, 73; J Hawkes (SA), 70, 68, 69, 74. 282: P Baker, 74, 65, 77, 66; D Hospital (Sp), 75, 68, 71, 68. 283: D Gilford, 70, 70, 71, 72; G Brand Jr, 71, 69, 71, 72.

JOHN GICHIGI



Rocca, the runner-up who has gone from seventh to fifth in the Ryder Cup list, plays out of a bunker

Flawless Fairclough lifts first title

From Patricia Davies in Haninge, Sweden

LORA Fairclough, a 23-year-old Lancastrian, displayed the calm aplomb of a seasoned veteran as she won the IBM Open, the first victory of her professional career, here yesterday.

On a bright, sunny, afternoon, with the 18th green surrounded by spectators, Fairclough was able to savour every moment of her triumph. Playing the last she was five shots ahead of Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, and even though she drove into a bunker, she kept her head and knew, when she chipped to six feet, that the title was hers. Fittingly, she holed the putt for her par five, to finish with a flawless round of 70, three under par, and a winning total of 280, 12 under.

Dibnah, who also shot 70, was second, on 285, with Carin Hjalmarsson, of Sweden, third on 286. Karen Lunn, the British Open champion, shared fourth place, on 287, with Jane Geddes, of the United States, and Annika Sorenstam, the exciting young Swede, who finished with a 67.

Fairclough, who won £15,000, had to disqualify herself from the Weetabix Women's British Open last week when she signed for a wrong score. But she felt that careless error had helped her this week. "It made me more determined," she said. "I got my act together."

Fairclough, in her third year as a professional, led Lunn by four shots after a third round of 67 that included six birdies in a row and yesterday she was paired with the big-hitting Australian. Lunn outdrove Fairclough by 15 to 20 yards but she was not intimidated.

The first is a par five of 487 yards and, after hitting a nine-iron to eight feet, she had to wait for several minutes while Lunn received official confirmation that her ball was not on the green. The Australian, 60 feet from the hole, then putted up to two feet, to start with a birdie four, but Fairclough, having made good use of her time and sized up her putt to perfection, rolled it in for a birdie of her own.

The first awkward moment for Fairclough came at the fourth, a dog-leg right, where she hit a poor second shot with a six-iron. She was 30 feet from the pin and misjudged the slope so badly that her first putt finished eight feet from the hole. In went the putt and Fairclough, whose quiet demeanour hides a fierce determination, had the look of a champion.

So composed was she that she joined Lunn in encouraging the Australian's birdie putt at the fifth into the hole. "Go in," they both said, and it did. At the next, however, it was Fairclough who holed, from 30 feet, for a birdie three, after a poor second shot.

Lunn birdied the ninth, but was still four shots behind and slipped to five behind with a bogey at the 10th. When Fairclough hit a five-iron to 15 feet at the 12th and holed the putt for a birdie two, it was obvious she would not crack and a round of 15 pars and three birdies left no room for doubt.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 280: L Fairclough, 72, 71, 67, 70. 285: C Dibnah (Aus), 72, 73, 70, 70. 286: C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 72, 71, 71, 72. 287: K Lunn (Aus), 75, 68, 71, 73; A Sorenstam (Swe) 75, 74, 71, 67; J Geddes (US), 73, 74, 71, 69. 288: P Johnson, 73, 73, 72, 70. 289: M Hageman (Holl), 77, 73, 66, 73. 290: L Davies, 74, 74, 68, 74. 291: H Alfredsson (Swe), 74, 76, 71, 70; C Nilsmark (Swe), 77, 69, 72, 73; S Moon (US), 74, 70, 73, 74. 292: A Gottmo (Swe), 72, 72, 74, 74; A Nicholas, 75, 71, 71, 75; M Lunn (Aus), 74, 71, 71, 76.

Mickelson in front

PHIL Mickelson remained patient through two long delays for lightning to take the lead after the third round of The International tournament at Castle Rock, Colorado, on Saturday.

Mickelson, 23, a former US amateur champion who won on the PGA Tour before he turned professional last year, compiled six birdies and just one bogey on the Castle Pines course for a five-under-par 67, worth 11 points in the modified stableford format.

He had 29 points with one round to play, three points more than his fellow American, Phil Blackmar, who double-bogeyed the final hole to drop back.

The format awards players eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, nought for par, minus one for bogey and minus three for double bogey or worse.

Mickelson returned to form when he finished sixth equal at last week's PGA Championship.

Injury to horse leaves Stark in lurch

By Jenny MacArthur

IAN Stark, the European three-day event champion, will be unable to defend his title in Germany next month after his horse, Clan Royal, damaged a tendon at the Kimberly-Clark Scottish championships, the final trial for the British team, yesterday.

Stark, who had been concerned to prove his own fitness yesterday after breaking a leg four weeks ago, was lying sixteenth after the cross-country but had to withdraw when Clan Royal trotted out lame before the show jumping. Stark, who had no problem with his own leg, has no reserve horse.

The championships were won by Sally Corscadden, of Ireland, on Cageadore after Mary Thomson, the leader after the cross-country on King William, had ten penalties in the show jumping, dropping to ninth place.

However, there was plenty to cheer the British selectors who announce the team for the European championships today. Nick Burton, on Bertie Blunt, and Virginia Leng, the national champion, on Welton Houdini, underlined their claims for a place when finishing second and third.

Both had the same score as Corscadden but were marginally slower across country.

Of the 11 riders longlisted for the British team only Lynne Bevan, who had a refusal at fence 20 with both her horses, incurred any jumping penalties on the cross-country course. Kristina Gifford produced one of the most impressive performances over the inviting course, finishing eighth on Song and Dance Man.

Corscadden, the daughter of Barry Hercock, a former Joint-Master of the Quorn, now looks certain for a place in the Irish team for the European championships.

In 1991 she was selected as an individual and was fourth after the cross-country but did not complete the show jumping. Yesterday's win of £1,500 was the biggest of her career.

Mark Todd, New Zealand's dual Olympic champion, took fourth place on Just An Ace after a copybook performance across country. His compatriot, Blyth Tait, the world champion who was hoping for a third win with Ricochet before retiring him, finished fifth.

Tait had to be treated with anti-histamine after the cross-country having swallowed a bee while on the course.

RESULTS: Scottish championships: 1, Cageadore (S Corscadden, Ire), 39; 2, Bertie Blunt (N Burton, GB), 39; 3, Welton Houdini (V Leng, GB), 39; 4, Just An Ace (M Todd, NZ), 40; 5, Ricochet (B Tait, NZ), 44; 6, King Boris (M Thomson, GB) 46.

Radisich battles through for first victory

By Stephen Slater

PAUL Radisich yesterday scored an historic 200th victory for Ford in the British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch. It was the first race win for both the New Zealander and his Ford Mondeo and Radisich scored the victory in style, defending his lead from start to finish of one of the most exciting races seen at the Kent track.

Radisich snatched the lead at the first corner, out-accelerating the Écurie Écosse Vauxhall Cavalier of David Leslie and championship leader Joachim Winkelhock, of Germany, who continued their red-hot rivalry on the opening lap as the BMW driver nudged the Cavalier into a slide. Leslie dropped from second to fifth as he fought for control, allowing Winkelhock to gain the place.

By the fifth lap, Leslie had fought his way back on to the BMW's tail and the pair clashed again at Druids Hill Bend. The impact spun Winkelhock's car through 180 degrees, forcing him to rejoin at the tail of the field and it also delayed Leslie, who eventually recovered to finish thirteenth.

However, at the head of the field, Radisich was in control. Behind him, the 1990 champion, Robb Gravett, in a Peugeot, and Steve Soper, in a BMW, were closing fast, but even when faced with passing two back-markers who were so intent on their personal battle that they blocked the leaders, Radisich still managed to slice through a gap. Behind him Gravett hesitated and Soper forced his way through to take second place as the three leading cars crossed the finish-line covered by just one second.

However, the dramas were still not over. After the race, the stewards of the meeting judged that Soper's overtaking move was unfair and the results were reversed to give Gravett second place.

RESULTS: 1, P Radisich, Ford Mondeo, 29min 25.80sec (88.33mph); 2, R Gravett, Peugeot, 29:26.84; 3, S Soper, BMW, 29:26.51; 4, W Hoy, Toyota, 29:27.08; 5, K Odor, Nissan Primera, 29:27.71; 6, A Rouse, Ford Mondeo, 29:28.39.

☐ Wayne Rainey won the Czech 500cc motorcycle grand prix yesterday and took the championship lead from his fellow American, Kevin Schwantz. Rainey, the triple defending world champion, has an 11-point advantage over Schwantz, who led the title race for the first ten races.

Schwantz could finish only a distant fifth as Rainey won by 7.7 seconds from his Roberts Yamaha team-mate, Luca Cadalora, of Italy, the British grand prix winner. Mick Doohan, of Australia, was third on a Honda.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Carlton 17 goals, 15 behinds (117) bt Collingwood 8, 15 (63); Hawthorn 17, 13 (115) bt Adelaide Crows 13, 10 (88); Fitzroy 22, 15 (147) bt Brisbane Bears 5, 13 (43); Geelong 19, 12 (126) bt Essendon 14, 10 (94); Footscray 14, 10 (94) bt West Coast Eagles 7, 10 (52); Melbourne 26, 19 (175) bt Richmond 8, 6 (54); N Melbourne 25, 10 (160) bt Sydney Swans 14, 14 (98).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 6, Atlanta 3; Cincinnati 4, Montreal 2; Philadelphia 6, Houston 4; Los Angeles 3, St Louis 2; Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 5; Florida 5, San Francisco 4. Saturday: Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 3; San Francisco 7, Florida 4; Colorado 4, New York Mets 3 and 8-6; Montreal 6, Cincinnati 3; Houston 3, Philadelphia 2 (10 inns); Los Angeles 8, St Louis 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Oakland 7, Detroit 6; New York Yankees 7, Kansas City 2; Baltimore 10, Texas 5; Cleveland 7, Boston 6; Seattle 4, Toronto 1; Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 2; Milwaukee 7, California 2 (10 inns). Saturday: Cleveland 10, Boston 5; Detroit 4, Oakland 3; New York Yankees 3, Kansas City 2; Seattle 5, Toronto 2; Baltimore 6, Texas 5 (12 inns); Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota 4; California 7, Milwaukee 6.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle championships: British prone championship: 1, J Oliphant (Basildon), 788pts; 2, R Law (Stirling Royal Infirmary), 784; 3, D Baker (East Antrim), 782. Northern Ireland championship: Baker, 782. Welsh championship: J Dallimore, 782. English championship: J Booker (Lensbury), 780. Annie Oakley Cup (leading woman): J Baker (Vauxhall Motors), 774. SF Rhodes Cup (juniors): K Gibbons (Appleton), 389. Duchess of Kent Cup (women's Bisley championship): Baker, 789. Flowers Trophy (women's open meeting championship): E Johnson, 974. Bovril Shield: 1, England, 3,830; 2, Scotland, 3,824; 3, Wales, 3,793. Cult Cup (women's international): 1, England, 1,882; 2, Scotland, 1,873. Under-21 international (3s): 1, England, 1,134 (K Gibbons, 381); equal 2, Scotland and Wales, 1,105. Queen Alexandra Cup (6s): 1, Sussex, 2,384 (D Parrish, 406); 2, Middlesex, 2,384 (A Eustance, 407); 3, Bucks 2,380 (I Smithurst, 406).

SWIMMING

DOVER-FOLKESTONE RACE (6km): Men: 1, J Van Wisse (Aus), 1hr 10min 29sec; 2, J Palfrey, 1:10.53; 3, S Emm, 1:15.11. Women: 1, T Van Wisse (Aus), 1:11.46; 2, B Young, 1:22.34; 3, R Godburn, 1:25.29.

TRIATHLON

KAIZUCHO, Japan: Nagaragawa International (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run): Men: 1, T Bently (Aus), 1hr 55min 05sec; 2, M Kojima (Japan), 1:56:57; 3, M Trees (GB), 1:57:57; 4, P White (Can), 1:58:50; 5, J Black (US), 2:00:03. Women: 1, M Kobayashi (Japan), 2:19.00.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Canberra Raiders 68, Parramatta 0; St George 23, Canterbury-Bankstown 8; North Sydney 8, Illawarra Steelers 28; Penrith 14, Brisbane Broncos 34; Newcastle Knights 50, Gold Coast Seagulls 6; Western Suburbs 32, South Sydney 10; Eastern Suburbs 14, Manly-Warringah 22; Balmain 12, Cronulla-Sutherland 14.

TABLE TENNIS

GUANGZHOU, China: Men's World Cup: Quarter-finals: Z Primorac (Cro) bt Chen Xinhua (Eng), 21-17, 21-18; P Karlsson (Swe) bt Ding Yi (Austria), 21-13, 21-11; Wang Tao (China) bt J-M Saive (Bel), 21-12, 21-18; J Huang (Can) bt Ma Wenge (China), 21-12, 21-7. Semi-finals: Primorac bt Karlsson, 10-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-23, 21-17; Wang Tao bt Huang, 21-13, 21-15, 21-8. Final: Primorac bt Wang Tao, 21-19, 16-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-18.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 19, South Africa 12 (in Sydney, Australia win series, 2-1).

BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA championships: Singles: Final: J Wickham (Totnes) bt G Charlton (Folkestone), 21-17.

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: Semi-finals: Cumbria 122, Somerset 108, Kent 133, Norfolk 96. Final: Kent 145, Cumbria 73 (Kent skips first): A Thomson 20, D Ramsdale 11; M Selyer 20, J Bell 10; R Price 26, S Airey 12; G Charlton 20, S Farish 23; C Hall 27, J Wills 6; G Smith 32, A Bader 11.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Nottinghamshire 134, Leicestershire 112.

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 125, Northants 124; Worcestershire 132, Buckinghamshire 118.

CLUB MATCHES: Belgrave 93, Westcotes 104; Blaby 136, Barton 112; Coventry Stoke 110, Rugby Thornfield 118; Earls Barton 138, Kettering Lodge 110; Eastnor 128, Overbury 79; Goodwood 103, Birstall 94; Hereford 87, Ebbw Vale 132; Hinckley 127, Coventry Stoke 109; Holwell Works 105, Belgrave 86; Kingsthorpe 119, British Timpkin 80; Knighton Victoria 124, St Margaret's 70; Leamington 158, Coventry Avenue 85; Leicester 68, Melton 88; Loughborough 101, Blaby 100; Narborough 109, Hinckley 110; Rugby Oakfield 114, Potterton 116; Westcotes 109, Loughborough 65; Whitnash 120, Sphinx 118; Worcester 138, Wootton 105.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex 173 (G Yates 6-41) and 251 (A R Butcher 63, M Dwain 50); Lancashire 400-9 dec (S P Titchard 102, G D Lloyd 59, N P Harvey 58 not out) and 25-0. Lancs won by 10 wkts. Hinckley: Leicestershire 300 (W J Adlam 100, A F Haye 73, R C Williams 6-84) and 174 (J D R Benson 83, R C Williams 4-65). Gloucestershire 262 (D R Hewson 86, A J Wright 71, J M Dakin 5-69) and 216-1 (R J Scott 124 not out, U Sisodia 62). Gloucs won by 9 wkts. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 366-6 dec (M A Crawley 108, M Saxelby 60, S Bramhall 55) and 335-2 dec (G F Archer 139 not out, M P Dowman 113 not out); Kent 300-6 dec (G R Cowdrey 169, S C Willis 60, J E Hindson 4-96) and 285 (J I Longley 135, J E Hindson 8-131). Notts won by 116 runs. York: Worcestershire 316-8 dec (G A Pollock 96) and 310-3 dec (A C H Seymour 114, W P C Weston 104, Pollock 56 not out); Yorkshire 314-5 dec (S A Kellett 89, N J Foster 74 not out, B Parker 50) and 187-4 (S A Kellett 58, A A Metcalfe 56). Match drawn. Edgbaston: Warwickshire 271-8 dec (C E Mulraine 64) and 205-7 dec (M Burns 70); Durham 226 (P A Booth 4-34) and 141-6 (R M S Weston 50 not out; G Welch 4-33, incl hat-trick). Match drawn. Northampton: Northamptonshire 283 (T C Walton 64, R R Montgomerie 55) and 325-6 (W M Noon 100 not out, T W Harrison 56); Surrey 371 (R Alikhan 158, M A Butcher 56). Match drawn. Taunton: Somerset 441-5 dec (N D Burns 225 not out, A Payne 77, G W White 76) and 185 (K A Parsons 55, K P Dutch 6-75); Middlesex 387 (A Habib 123, Dutch 57, J C Pooley 50, A C Cottam 6-15) and 240-8 (P Farbrace 69, H R J Trump 4-98). Middlesex won by 2 wkts.

CYCLING

HAMAR, Norway: World track championships: Men: 4,000 metres team pursuit: Final: Australia, 4:03.840 (world record) bt Germany, 4:09.340. Keirin: Qualifying round: Heat one: 1, T Yoshioka (Japan); 2, M Hübner (Ger); 3, L-B Nielsen (Den); 5, P McHugh (GB). Final: 1, G Neiwand (Aus); 2, M Nothstein (US); 3, T Yoshioka (Japan); 4, N Kovsh (Russ); 5, Y Yamada (Japan); 6, F Magne (Fr). Women: Points race: Final: 1, I Haringa (Holl), 27pts; 2, S Samokhvalova (Russ), 16; 3, J Grieco (US), 14; 4, K Watcke (Bel), 12; 5, B Erdin-Ganz (Switz), 10; 6, N Even (Fr), 10.

ROAD RACES: Grand Prix of Wales pro-am (Abergavenny, 119 mls): 1, K Reynolds (Banana), 4hr 42min 42sec; 2, M Stephens (RT Italia), at 02sec; 3, M Walsham (PCA) at 1min 33sec. Scottish championship (Glenrothes, 92 mls): 1, D Wilson (Johnstone Wheelers), 3:38:53; 2, K Riddle (Moray Firth RT), same time; 3, A Matheson (Musselburgh RCC), at 1:31. BCF national veterans' series (Fareham, 77 mls): K Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 3.18.27. Chequers RC (Amersham, 75 mls): G Baker (Olympia Sport), 2:55:25. Mike Binks Memorial (Middlesbrough, 89 mls): P Curran (Dinnington RC), 3:32:00. Worcester St John's CC (Malvern, 90 mls): N Martin (Dinnington RC), 3:38:18.

TIME-TRIALS: Welsh CA 100-mile championship (Raglan): J French (Bath CC), 3:57:03. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers, 13:00:45. Middlesex RC (50 mls): M McNamara (Rockingham CC), 1:54:38. Team: Leicestershire RC, 6:29:26. Gala CC (Berwick, 50 mls): C Isatt (Berwick Wheelers), 1:59:06. Team: Berwick Wheelers, 6:31:27. Ipswich BC (30 mls): M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 1:07:33. Salisbury RC (25 mls): L Paxton (Salisbury RC), 52:46 (event record). Team: Salisbury RC, 2:47:01. Mapperley CC (25 mls): K Dawson (GS Strada), 53:16 (event record). Team: Coalville Wheelers, 2:47:27. Fullarton Wheelers (Ayrshire, 25 mls): D Nicholson (Greenock RC), 55:26. Team: Ayr RCC, 2:57:49. Eastbourne Rovers (25 mls): S Elms (East Grinstead CC), 56:20. Midland Counties CA (25 mls): B Charley (Stourbridge CC), 57:02. Abercynon RC (10 mls): A Dow (Pembrokeshire Velo), 20:58. Team: Cwmcarn Paragon, 1:05:56. Women: C Greenwood (Cardiff Byways RCC), 22:15 (Welsh record).

GOLF

GULLANE: British women's amateur strokeplay championship: Leading final scores: 290: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), 74, 68, 73, 75. 296: L Brooky (NZ), 70, 77, 74, 74. 297: M McKay (Turnberry), 78, 72, 77, 70. 299: J Morley (Sale), 74, 73, 78, 74. 300: K Tebbet (East Devon), 71, 70, 77, 82. 301: A Rose (Stirling), 76, 76, 75, 74. 302: S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow), 79, 73, 73, 77. 304: A Rogers (The Island), 80, 74, 75, 75. 305: L Nicholson (Haddington), 76, 75, 76, 78. 306: U Van Heyne (Swe), 78, 75, 74, 79; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry), 77, 74, 78, 77; M Brink (Swe), 75, 75, 76, 80. 307: V Thomas (Pennard), 73, 78, 76, 80.

BROOKLYN PARK, Minnesota: Women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 66: D Lofland-Dormann. 67: C Ranck, E Daniel. 68: J Stephenson (Aus), M McNamara, S Farwig, T Barrett. 69: D Richard, G Graham (Can). British: 70: S Strudwick. 75: C Pierce. 77: K Davies.

CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Men's stableford tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 29pts: P Mickelson, 11, 7, 11. 26: P Blackmar, 6, 15, 5. 23: M O'Meara, 13, 9, 1; S Simpson 2, 13, 8. 22: B Faxon, 13, 7, 2; S Kendall, 12, 9, 1; G Norman (Aus), 11, 6, 5. 21: V Singh (Fiji), 2, 4, 15.

HATOYAMAMACHI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 272: F Minoza (Phil), 68, 71, 65, 69 (won at 2nd hole play-off); Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan), 67, 70, 67, 68. 275: P McWhinney (Aus), 74, 69, 68, 64. 276: M Kawamura, 66, 70, 69, 71. 279: T Hamilton (US), 69, 69, 73, 67; T Higa, 71, 71, 66, 70. British: 289: P Hoad, 71, 72, 70, 75.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 57, Reading 51; Eastbourne 62, Belle Vue 46; King's Lynn 65, Poole 43; Coventry 50, Ipswich 58. Second division: Swindon 59, Long Eaton 49.

CHALLENGE MATCH: Cradley Heath 35, Wolverhampton 45.

SQUASH

SYDNEY: Australian women's open: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-6, 15-10, 15-9; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus), 15-4, 15-8, 10-15, 14-15, 15-11; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng), 15-14, 15-12, 15-8; C Jackman (Eng) bt C Nitch (SA), 11-15, 15-12, 15-9, 11-15, 15-6. Semi-finals: Martin bt FitzGerald, 15-6, 15-11, 15-5; Irving bt Jackman, 11-15, 15-12, 15-9, 11-15, 15-6. Final: Martin bt Irving, 15-13, 15-8, 15-5.

YACHTING

TORQUAY: Labatts Ultra 30 grand prix (after three races): 1, Black Bottle (L Smith), 78pts; 2, Roland Signmaker (P Newland), 55; 3, Team Birmingham (A Beadsworth), 35; 4, DBS (R Peters), 30; 5, BT Marine (I Southworth), 25; 6, Rockport (O Stewart), 0.

PWLLHELI: Firefly national championship: 1, Matelot (R Robinson, L Ryan); 2, Grasshopper (S Tvlecote, E Gage); 3, Double Glazing (S McQueen, L McQueen).

MOTOCROSS

TOKYO: Japanese grand prix: First race: 1, D Schmit (US), Yamaha; 2, A Puzar (It), Yamaha; 3, K Nicoll (GB), Honda; 4, M Larocco (US), Kawasaki KX; 5, P Johansson (Swe), Yamaha; 6, F Bolley (Fr), Yamaha. Second race: 1, Puzar; 2, Schmit; 3, G Albertyn (SA), Honda; 4, Bolley; 5, S Everts (Bel), Suzuki RM; 6, M Larocco (US), Kawasaki KX. Third race: 1, Larocco; 2, Puzar; 3, E Everston (Holl), Kawasaki; 4, T Vohland (US), Suzuki; 5, Bolley; 6, W Liles (US), Kawasaki. Leading world championship positions: 1, Albertyn, 624pts; 2, Everts, 528; 3, Schmit, 447; 4, Nicoll, 343; 5, M Bervoets (Bel), 295; 6, T Parker (US), 256.

ICE HOCKEY

TAMPERE, Finland: Tampere Cup: Group B: Ilves (Fin) 1, United States 4.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwicks: British junior national championships: no flying for two days.

BICESTER, Oxon: British Aerospace inter-services championships: Leading positions (after four days): Open: 1, R Jones, Nimbus 4, 2,853pts; 2, D Stewart, Ventus B, 2,860; 3, M Boyden (RAF), Nimbus 3DT, 2,761. Sport: 1, D Cockburn (RAF), Discus, 2,793; 2, J Arnold (RAF), Discus, 2,545; 3, R Evans (RAF), Discus, 2,506. Club: 1, A Jelden, Libelle, 2,396; 2, R Witter, Dart 17, 2,266; 3, T Mitchell (RAF), Grob Acro, 2,072.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROTTERDAM HARBOUR GRAND PRIX: 1, Almox Rush On (L Beerbaum, Ger), 0 faults, 37.89sec; 2, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria), 0, 39.15; 3, Trudo Darco (L Philippaerts, Bel), 7, 50.84; 8, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB); 10, Cannonball (R Smith, GB). The Environment Prize: 1, St Jolie (H Godignon, Fr) and Quenelle San Patrignano (M Robert, Fr), 36pts, 96.41sec; 2, Yorkshire Gent (G Fletcher, GB) and Fleurance (J Popely, GB), 36, 88.20; 3, Playboy (R Fischer, Austria) and Embassador (M Armstrong, GB), 36, 100. Zadelhoff Prize: 1, Catherston Dazzler (J Loriston-Clarke, GB), 1,260pts; 2, Zazou (E Jansen, Holl), 1,254; 3, Glady (D Callin, US), 1,239; 4, Freja (S Dwyer, GB), 1,235. Grand prix special: 1, Flash Dancer (A Merbelt, Ire), 1,411pts; 2, Biotop (R Klimke, Ger), 1,391; 3, Marcus (F Craig, NZ), 1,371.

MORETON MORRELL, Warwick: Pony Club Equalan tetrathlon championships: Boys: 1, North Cotswold, 13,000 pts; 2, Meath Hunt, 12,493; 3, Warwickshire, 12,384. Individual members: 1, M Johnson (BWH), 4,410; 2, D Storer (North Cotswold), 4,403; 3, J Whetman (Four Burrow), 4,391. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall), C Low (East Cornwall), 4,563; 2, J Griffin (Ward Union), 4,488; 3, J Stephens (North Cotswold), 4,442. Girls: 1, Flint and Denbigh, 12,178; 2, OBH Chilterns, 12,095; 3, Hurworth Hunt, 12,038. Individual members: 1, C Wynn-Green (Flint and Denbigh), 4,168; 2, M Tweddle (Hurworth), 4,098; 3, C Hickerton (Flint and Denbigh), 4,080. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall), K Allenby (Spooners and West Dartmoor), 4,356; 2, J Allen (Old Berkshire), 4,288; 3, E Kipling (Zetland), 4,224.

MOTORCYCLING

BRNO, Czech Republic: Czech grand prix: 500cc: 1, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 45min 39.002sec; 2, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 45:46.772; 3, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 45:49.792; 4, J Kocinski (US), Cagiva, 45:52.098; 5, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 46:06.092; 6, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 46:06.278. Leading world championship positions (after 11 races): 1, Rainey, 214pts; 2, Schwantz, 203; 3, Doohan, 136; 4, Beattie, 136; 5, Cadalora, 104; 6, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 101; 8, N Mackenzie (GB), Yamaha, 80.

250cc: 1, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 42:28.194; 2, M Biaggi (It), Honda, 42:29.173; 3, A Puig (Sp), Honda, 42:29.522; 4, D Romboni (It), Honda, 42:29.580; 5, L Capirossi (It), Honda, 42:37.968; 6, T Harada (Japan), Yamaha, 42:38.336. Leading world championship positions (after 11 rounds): 1, Harada, 161pts; 2, Capirossi, 137; 3, Biaggi, 126; 4, Romboni, 109; 5, Reggiani, 108; 6, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, 105.

125cc: 1, K Sakata (Japan), Honda, 42:31.678; 2, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 42:31.720; 3, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 42:49.927; 4, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 42:49.984; 5, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 43:02.832; 6, C Giro (Sp), Aprilia, 43:04.575. Leading world championship positions (after 11 races): 1, Raudies, 222pts; 2, Sakata, 210; 3, Tsujimura, 134; 4, R Waldmann (Ger), Aprilia, 108; 5, Saito, 107; 6, Ueda, 105.

PASIR GUDANG, Malaysia: World superbike championship: First race: 1, C Fogarty (GB), Ducati, 38:14.21; 2, S Russell (US), Kawasaki, 38:17.67; 3, F Pirovano (It), Yamaha, 38:26.35; 4, A Slight (NZ), Kawasaki, 38:26.45; 5, S Mertens (Bel), Ducati, 38:42.73; 6, P Bontempi (It), Kawasaki, 38:43.00. Second race: 1, Fogarty, 37:56.60; 2, Russell, 37:58.29; 3, Pirovano, 38:31.57; 4, Bontempi, 38:32.38; 5, Mertens, 38:32.52; 6, Slight, 38:35.32; 8, T Rymer (GB), Yamaha, 38:52.72. Leading championship positions: 1, Russell, 231.5pts; 2, Fogarty, 226.5; 3, Falappa, 178; 4, Slight, 173; 5, Pirovano, 169; 6, Mertens, 122.

TAEKWONDO

NEW YORK: World championships: Finals: Men: Middleweight: M Meloul (Fr) bt V Estrada (Mex). Light: Se Jin Park (S Kor) bt V Luke (Can). Fly: J Argudo (Sp) bt A Yamaguti (Br).

BOXING

MONACO: WBA junior-middleweight championship: Júlio César Vásquez (Arg, holder) bt Aaron Davis (US), pts.

BANGKOK: WBA minimum-weight championship: Chana Por Pao-in (Thai, holder) bt Ronnie Magramo (Phil), pts.

TENNIS

TORONTO: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Huber (Ger), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt M-J Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Capriati (US) wo J Halard (Fr), scr. Semi-finals: Graf bt Maleeva-Fragnière, 6-2, 6-1; Capriati bt Sánchez Vicario, 7-6, 6-2.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: P Korda (Cz) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-3, 6-3; B Black (Zim) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt I Lendl (US), 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: Korda bt Black, 6-3, 6-1; Medvedev bt Agassi, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Third round: R Reneberg (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Quarter-finals: P Rafter (Aus) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt J Arias (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt Reneberg, 6-4, 6-3. Semi-finals: Becker bt Rafter, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Courier bt Mattar, 6-3, 6-2.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Finals: Boys: 18 and under: J Fox (Lincs) bt T Spinks (Norfolk), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. 14 and under: J Trotman (Suffolk) bt J Monk (Sussex), 6-2, 7-6. Girls: 18 and under: C Taylor (Oxon) bt L Jeffs (Oxon), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1. 14 and under: F Ushman (Northumberland) bt A Tordoff (Kent), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

HAVANT: Reebok British Tour: Finals: Men: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt P Hand (Berks), 6-2, 6-2. Women: V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt D Huber (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

POWERBOATING

HUNGARY: World Inland circuit championship (seventh round): Dunaújváros grand prix: 1, G Cappellini (It), 20pts; 2, A Andersson (Swe), 17; 3, G Karlof (Swe), 15; 4, P Duggan (GB), 13; 5, G Csepreg (Hun), 11; 6, A Elliott (GB), 10. Overall: 1, Cappellini, 116; 2, M Werner (Ger), 73.5; 3, J Jones (GB), 49; 4, T Ishikawa (Japan), 41.5; 5, Karlof, 41; 6, S Kerton (GB), 39.9. Cappellini wins championship.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group six: Sweden 1, France 1 (in Gavle).

WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP (in Japan): Group A: Mexico 2, Italy 1; Japan 0, Ghana 1. Group B: Nigeria 8, Canada 0; Australia 2, Argentina 2. Group C: United States 2, Czechoslovakia 2; Qatar 2, Colombia 0. Group D: Poland 3, Tunisia 1; Chile 2, China 2.

TOUR MATCH: University of Chile 2, Real Madrid 2 (in Santiago).

OTHER MATCH: Metz (Fr) 2, Zambia 1.

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Men: Inter-Continental Cup: Group A: Spain 2, Ireland 0; S Korea 2, Cuba 1; Spain 3, Canada 2. Group B: Poland 2, Belgium 2; India 3, S Africa 1; Poland 2, France 1; Argentina 1, Belgium 7.

BIRMINGHAM: Women's tour match: Sutton Coldfield 0, Trinidad and Tobago Under-21 0.

AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions' Trophy: Australia 2, Britain 0; Holland 3, Spain 0.

MOTORSPORT

BRANDS HATCH: Auto Trader British touring car championship: Thirteenth round (36 laps, 43 mls): 1, P Radisich (NZ), Ford Mondeo SI, 29min 25.80sec (88.33mph); 2, S Soper (GB), BMW 318i, 29.26.51; 3, R Gravett (GB), Peugeot 405 Mi16, 29.26.84; 4, W Hoy (GB), Toyota Carina E GTi, 29:27.08; 5, K Odor (GB), Nissan Primera eGT, 29:27.71; 6, A Rouse (GB), Ford Mondeo SI, 29:28.39.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Aston Villa v Manchester Utd (8.0)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Kidderminster v Kettering (7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage Borough v Dulwich; Wivenhoe v Aylesbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Hyde. First division: Caernarfon v Gt Harwood; Worksop v Eastwood Town.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendale v Newcastle.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Atherstone; Hednesford v Corby Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Chippenham.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Stoke v Bradford (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Norwich (7.0); Millwall v Southampton (2.0).

CRICKET

Sixth Test

Final day of five

11.0

THE OVAL: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship

Final day of four

11.0

DARLINGTON: Durham v Warwickshire

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Neston: Cheshire v Wiltshire; Sidmouth: Devon v Cornwall; Oswestry: Shropshire v Wales.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness)

SPEEDWAY: First division: Reading v Bradford (7.30), Wolverhampton v King's Lynn (7.30), Exeter v Newcastle (7.30).

Cecil takes heart from preliminary virus tests

By Julian Muscat

HENRY Cecil's strike rate this season has been such that only Roger Charlton, with nearly a third of the number of runners, has managed to better it. Consequently, the slightest stutter from Cecil's all-conquering Warren Place stable is viewed by the betting public as a matter of grave concern, particularly as Cecil has returned a healthy level-stake profit in spite of his reversals at York last week.

However, a handful of blood tests taken from among Cecil's York raiders have been returned free of any viral infection, although the Newmarket trainer will await the results of a comprehensive testing programme before signalling the all-clear.

Cecil does not believe his string has contracted the dreaded Equine Herpes Virus. Early signs from the laboratory have endorsed his view, but he is still none the wiser for Rainbow Lake's below-par run in the Yorkshire Oaks.

"There is still no explanation for that *performance*," Cecil said yesterday. "Perhaps it's just one of those things. Basically, my horses have been running well enough. I had four winners last week; I don't usually have that many winners in August anyway."

Cecil, as hungry as ever, has one eye on the trainers' title, in which he is locked in a combat with Michael Stoute and the reigning champion, Richard Hannon. Each of them has passed £1 million in win and place prize-money, although Cecil has by far the best strike rate, at 26 per cent.

In the last two weeks, Warren Place runners have made the frame almost as often as they have run unplaced, which is hardly the measure of a virus-riddled stable. "I'm carrying on as normal," he said. "There are no signs of illness in the yard, but let's wait and get a full, clearer picture."

An analysis of York's important tests revealed solid efforts from Sabrehill, Allegan and Ardkinglass, while Edbaysaan showed an abundance of fighting spirit to land the Melrose Handicap. Cecil is inclined to put Armiger's disappointing Great Voltigeur effort down to his long absence and the fact that he got too excited before the race. Armiger remains on course for the St Leger.

One horse who won't be adding to Cecil's 74 winners to date is Sabrehill, whose brief racing career is over after he ran second to Ezzoud in Tuesday's Juddmonte International Stakes.

Nothing could better illustrate racing's constantly changing fortunes than the York experiences of Sabrehill *and Lochsong. Sabrehill, who* just failed to win a group one race on only his third outing, sustained a crippling tendon injury for his effort. Meanwhile, Lochsong, a former cripple, deservedly landed a group one event on her seventieth racecourse appearance.

"It is very sad," Cecil lamented. "He looked a brilliant horse in the making." Reflecting on his bold York showing, he continued: "Everything went wrong for him. He didn't settle very well and when he quickened to the front, he had done a bit too much in the first half of the race. He was a brilliant horse at home and I fully expected him to win on Tuesday."

ED BYRNE



Jazilah and Richard Quinn stretching clear of Karshi at Sandown on Saturday to give the Akehurst team another handicap success

Winning Ebor owner has second dividend

GLASGOW owner Stewart Aitken, who collected £250,000 from bookmakers when Sarawat won the Ebor last Wednesday, had another success at Sandown on *Saturday*.

Aitken, a retired casino owner, invested £4,000 of the winnings on his Jazilah in the William Hill Handicap. He drew a £20,000 profit as Jazilah galloped to victory over Karshi. Like Sarawat at York, Jazilah was ridden by Richard Quinn and was having his first run for Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst, having been moved from Mary Reveley's northern stable.

The gambling owner, however, ended the day a loser. Sarawat turned out for duty again, carrying Aitken's bets of £28,000 in the Texas Homecare Handicap.

Sent off the evens favourite, he forced the pace for much of the way but faded to finish third behind Wings Cove. "I'm not complaining, it's been a good week," Aitken said.

George Duffield was fortu*nate to escape unscathed* when the leader Silver Wedge attempted to duck out before dislodging him on the bend in the Unifilla Stakes, won by Blaze Away. With Duffield jettisoned, Silver Wedge made a hash of jumping the running rails, before galloping home with a minor cut to his chest.

Duffield, declared fit by the course doctor, reported: "The colt gave me no warning of his idea to duck out. He was heading for the far rails, and looked like taking me with him until he slipped and got rid of me."

John Williams netted a 220-1 double with Sheriff and Wings Cove.

Coup De Genie stakes claim

From Our French Racing Correspondent in Deauville

COUP De Genie, a sister of Machiavellian, entered calculations for the 1994 1,000 Guineas with an impressive victory in the Prix Morny at Deauville yesterday.

The filly, owned by Stavros Niarchos and trained by Francois Boutin, was installed 14-1 third favourite for the classic by William Hill after beating Psychobabble 1½ lengths.

Roger Charlton's Solar Wagon set out to make all under Pat Eddery but he was passed two furlongs out and faded into sixth. Psychobabble, also owned by Niarchos, finished well, having been short of room, to snatch second place from Spain Lane.

Richard Hannon's Lemon Souffle heads the 1,000 betting on 7-1, with Geoff Wragg's Glatisant, set to run in the the Prestige Stakes at Goodwood on Friday, a 12-1 chance.

Psychobabble, 25-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, is expected to take on Peter Chapple-Hyam's Colonel Collins in the Irish National Stakes next month.

Frankie Dettori, who *partnered Lochsong to a mem*orable victory in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York on Thursday, followed up by landing a big-race double at Deauville on Saturday. He captured the Challenge d'Or Piaget for two-year-olds and Piaget d'Or, each worth £179,211 to the winner, on English challengers, Prince Babar and Dana Springs.

Prince Babar, trained by Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, made his group form count to run out a comfortable three-quarters of a length winner. Richard Hannon's Bearall finished sixth, but Paul Cole's The Chairman was out of the first ten.

Dettori made all on the rapidly-improving Dana Springs, trained by Hannon, who beat the French filly Dancienne by a length and a half. "She is very game and had a group one winner *behind her so she must be* improving," Dettori added.

Dana Springs, originally bought at Deauville for Tony Budge, could now earn a tilt at the Prix Vermeille, often a stepping stone to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"She is a game and genuine filly and just goes on winning. Dana Springs is really a mile-and-a-half horse and that's why I told Frankie to go to the front from the start," Hannon said.

Hannon and Dettori were out of luck in the Prix Gontaut-Biron with Lucky Lindy who finished third, a length behind Urban Sea. Paul Cole's Half A Tick was sixth of the seven runners.

Becker glad to see back of Rafter

BORIS Becker was tested by a player ranked 139th before reaching the finals of the RCA tennis championships in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Becker, seeded third, was made to struggle by Patrick Rafter, of Australia, before winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. In the other semifinal Jim Courier, the second seed, played impeccably to defeat Luiz Mattar, of Brazil, 6-3, 6-2. Courier's victories com*bined with Rafter's elimi*nation of Pete Sampras will put Courier at the top of the world rankings. The fourth-ranked Becker will be looking for his third title of 1993. He won in Indianapolis in 1988 and 1990.

Becker has dominated Courier in their six previous meetings but Courier, a finalist in Indianapolis last year, had high hopes of turning the tables yesterday.

Courier, who did not drop a set on his way to the final, has won four titles this year, including the Australian Open. Consis*tent serving made him* practically untouchable. In nine service games he lost only five points.

Courier lost two points on service in the first set and lost three points in the second, setting-up the only break-point he faced in the match at 30-40 in the sixth game.

Becker lost only six points on service in the first set. Rafter squandered a 40-15 lead in the tenth game of the first set. He eventually lost the game and the set when Becker blasted a winning backhand crosscourt shot that Rafter could not touch.

In his first three service games of the second set, Becker lost two points. But he lost momentum on his service in the seventh and ninth game. He double-faulted on the final point of the set.

A momentary let-down in the third set put Rafter out of contention. Becker took advantage of his third break point in the first game and held the lead.

"I think it was my best match this tournament," Becker said. "We both didn't miss many balls. I was very, very sharp at the beginning of the match and I basically stayed sharp throughout the whole match."

Jennifer Capriati, of the United States, seeded sixth, endured a 76-minute first set with an 18-point tie-break to defeat Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the second seed, from Spain, 7-6, 6-2 in the semi-finals of the Canadian Open in Toronto on Saturday.

Steffi Graf, at the top of her game, stretched her record to 17-0 against the eighth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière, of Switzerland, with a 6-2, 6-1 victory in the other semi-final.

Capriati, ranked ninth, recovered from 5-0 down in the tie-break, saving three set points to level at 6-6. She finally won the set with a forehand winner.

Capriati dominated the second set with a powerful baseline attack that took its toll on Sánchez Vicario, who may have been a little tired. She was playing her fourteenth tournament singles match in 19 days.

Capriati has looked uninspired at times this year, despite reaching the quarter-finals of Wimbledon and the Australian and French Opens (losing to Graf each time), but on Saturday she appeared eager and motivated.

Asked if it had been a while since she had been as proud of herself for an on-court performance, she replied: "Yes, I guess it has. I'd guess I'd have to go back to Barcelona (where she won the gold medal with wins over Sánchez Vicario and Graf in the semi-finals and final)."

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.15 Not Yet
2.45 DARBONNE (nap)
3.15 Sedimentary
3.45 Alqairawaan
4.15 Mamara Reef
4.45 Avishayes

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 AJFAN (nap). 3.15 Sommersby. 4.45 Premier Star.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 Mamara Reef.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG SELLING HANDICAP (£2,889: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

1	(21)	004620	WRETS 16 (F) (Midland Markets Ltd) A Bridgwater 4-10-0	R Painter (7)	90
2	(9)	204020	ROLY WALLACE 30 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-6	G Bardwell	89
3	(6)	5-55158	BILLYBACK 13 (D,F) (M Ryan) M Ryan 3-9-0	D Biggs	91
4	(16)	0-55551	GALEJADE 13 (F) (Mrs J Mihalop) D Haydn Jones 3-8-13	J Williams	90
5	(2)	60-1230	YOUNG JASON 10 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 10-8-12	S Perks	92
6	(13)	064-000	PIMSBOY 52 (F) (Colfax Windows Ltd) B Rothwell 6-8-12	S Wood	77
7	(12)	5-02305	TIGER CLAW 11J (B,F) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 7-8-11	A McGlone	91
8	(18)	0500-40	MARZOCCO 95 (F) (J Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-8-10	T Williams	86
9	(23)	00-0510	JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 39 (F) (C Major) C Broad 3-8-10	NON-RUNNER	–
10	(20)	240000	MEXICAN DANCER 13 (B,S) (Hammond Partnership) P Howling 4-8-10	K Darley	97
11	(4)	505260-	KATHY FAIR 23J (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-8-9	B Russell (5)	75
12	(19)	30600/0-	THRILL 485J (J Aston Evans) K Wingrove 5-8-8	K Williamson	–
13	(5)	0-02600	GOTT'S DESIRE 45 (B,F) (Gott Foods Ltd) C Broad 7-8-7	M Wigham	86
14	(22)	650414	SLUMBER THYME 7 (B,G) (J Searle) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-5	W Ryan	87
15	(14)	0210-06	PIPERS REEL 20 (V,G) (Sir Gordon Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5	A Munro	88
16	(17)	441100	BRONZE RUNNER 14 (B,CD,F,G) (Austin Stroud Ltd) S Mellor 9-8-3	T Sprake	88
17	(11)	525-306	DANCING BOAT 93J (D Emery) J Harris 4-8-3	D Holland	90
18	(10)	00/0000-	CANNONALE 450 (R Langley) J Pearce 4-8-1	P Robinson	–
19	(7)	005-000	EVERY ONE A GEM 23 (B,D,F) (J Daniels) M Dixon 6-8-1	A Clark	88
20	(3)	5060	DANSEUSE FRANCAISE 19 (S Crown) M Bell 3-8-0	M Fenton (3)	82
21	(8)	000060	RED SOMBRERO 10 (J Hall) R Brotherton 4-7-13	A Mackay	94
22	(1)	000-003	GESNERA 61 (A Hall) K White 5-7-12	N Adams	90
23	(15)	043230	NOT YET 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Weymes) E Weymes 9-7-11	J Quinn	99

BETTING: 5-1 Not Yet, 6-1 Bronze Runner, 7-1 Marzocco, 8-1 Young Jason, 9-1 Galejade, 10-1 Tiger Claw, Billyback, 12-1 Pipers Reel, Roly Wallace, 16-1 others.

1992: BO KNOWS BEST 3-8-3 B Rouse (9-4 fav) J Sutcliffe 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILLYBACK 4l 5th of 8 to Daring Pact in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good) on penultimate start. GALEJADE beat Heart Of Spain a head in a 6-runner claimer at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm) YOUNG JASON 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Le Temeraire in a conditions race at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start with ROLY WALLACE (8lb worse off) about 7l 7th. TIGER CLAW turned in best recent effort when 4l 3rd of 10 to multiple winner Bentico in a handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).
SLUMBER THYME beat Manx Monarch 1½l in an 18-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, good) on penultimate start. NOT YET 3½l 3rd of 8 to Totalworthit in a handicap at Southwell (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start with RED SOMBRERO (1lb worse off) about 3l 6th.
Selection: NOT YET

2.45 W J FURSE CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 54yd) (6 runners)

1	(3)	316	EL DUCO 12 (D,BF,F) (R Abdullah) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	85
2	(6)	1320-00	GREEN'S BID 12 (G) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	85
3	(2)	122045	PLANETARY ASPECT 12 (D,G) (M Abdullah) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	89
4	(5)	46-5403	DARBONNE 12 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-11	K Darley	85
5	(1)	511-	CROPTON 321 (G,S) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 8-7	Paul Eddery	70
6	(4)	32-2304	AJFAN 25 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-5	R Hills	99

BETTING: 5-2 El Duco, 3-1 Ajfan, 7-2 Darbonne, 6-1 Planetary Aspect, 8-1 Cropton, 20-1 Green's Bid.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EL DUCO beat Green Kilt 3½l in an 8-runner maiden at Brighton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DARBONNE about 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Muhtarram in a conditions race at Sandown (1m 14yd, good to firm) with PLANETARY ASPECT 1¾l 5th, EL DUCO short head 6th and GREEN'S BID 27l 8th. CROPTON beat Formal Altair 3l in an 8-runner conditions race at Warwick (7f, soft) last year.
AJFAN 5¼l 4th of 8 to Prince Of Andros in a conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). Earlier ¾l 3rd of 12 to Sayyedati in the group 1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good).
Selection: AJFAN

3.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,845: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

1	(7)	05	VLAMINCK 13 (R Collins) A Stewart 8-13	A McGlone	77
2	(15)	0	UNCLE DOUG 33 (D Saul) Mrs M Reveley 8-12	J Fanning	–
3	(16)	6	LIME STREET BLUES 12 (D Gallop) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	80
4	(8)	4	PETITJEAN 51 (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	–
5	(19)	050	VICEROY RULER 28 (R Joachim) J Jenkins 8-11	S Whitworth	76
6	(5)	6	SOMMERSBY 53 (BF) (F Nastasi) A Stewart 8-10	R Hills	77
7	(2)	322	RAFFERTY'S RULES 14 (O Soberg-Olsen) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon	96
8	(6)		CADEAUX PREMIERE (Lumsden & Carroll Ltd) N Bycroft 8-8	Alex Greaves	–
9	(11)	P	WILL GLOW 55 (W Norton) T Mills 8-8	J Reid	–
10	(14)		LA RESIDENCE (B Pollins) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	N Adams	–
11	(4)	600	MISTER O'GRADY 5 (B Pennick) Pat Mitchell 8-7	R Cochrane	–
12	(17)	5	VENUS VICTORIOUS 13 (Mrs R Hastings) J Hills 8-7	M Hills	92
13	(18)	4	A MILLION WATTS 30 (Million In Mind Partnership) J Wells 8-6	G Duffield	77
14	(10)	0	GALAXY RAIN 30 (M Chea) B McMahon 8-6	S Sanders (7)	–
15	(13)		KID ORY (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-6	Dale Gibson	–
16	(1)	0	RED DANCER 33 (Lawster Partnership) M Bell 8-6	M Fenton (3)	85
17	(9)	52	SEDIMENTARY 18 (W Mason) G Bravery 8-6	L Dettori	99
18	(3)		KENILWORTH FORD (G Farndon) Capt J Wilson 8-1	N Carlisle	–
19	(20)		VAX IT (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 8-1	G Hind	–
20	(12)	4	YO-CANDO 16 (Miss L Elliott) D Cosgrove 8-1	L Newton (5)	93

BETTING: 11-4 Rafferty's Rules, 4-1 Sommersby, 5-1 Sedimentary, 7-1 Yo-Cando, 8-1 Lime Street Blues, 12-1 Venus Victorious, 14-1 Petitjean, Red Dancer, 16-1 others.

1992: WEAVER BIRD 8-0 S Dawson (7-2) H Candy 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIME STREET BLUES 11½l 6th of 10 to Majestic Eagle in Salisbury maiden (6f, good to firm). SOMMERSBY 6l 6th of 9 to Absolutely Fayre in maiden auction over course and distance (good to firm) RAFFERTY'S RULES 2¾l 2nd of 9 to Indiana in Thirsk maiden auction (5f, good) VENUS VICTORIOUS 3l 5th of 12 to Ekbal in Bath maiden (5f 11yd, good to firm). RED DANCER 8l 7th of 12 to Hever Golf Rose in Doncaster maiden auction (7f, good). SEDIMENTARY 1l 2nd of 5 to Al Battar in Brighton maiden auction (6f, good to firm).
Selection: RAFFERTY'S RULES

3.45 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (Handicap: £3,640: 1m 6f 15yds) (18 runners)

1	(12)	023352	SWORD MASTER 13 (G) (J Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-10	N Day	95
2	(14)	610115	TAROUDANT 35 (D,F,G) (A Farazdan) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10	K Darley	92
3	(6)	01311-0	IOTA 133 (D,BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8	B Raymond	81
4	(16)	202100-	SADLER'S WAY 367 (CD,S) (Mrs E Stoiell) M Baraclough 4-9-6	Ann Stokell	78
5	(3)	040560	FRENCH IVY 3 (F,G) (K Flood) Mrs A King 6-9-4	A Garth (5)	94
6	(2)	642013	CALL THE GUV'NOR 12 (F) (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 4-9-3	W Ryan	97
7	(9)	34/2133-	BRODESSA 326J (F) (R Jewell) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-1	M Birch	74
8	(1)	2224-30	SOLOMAN SPRINGS 31 (Mrs Y Ward) S Norton 3-8-9	O Pears (3)	76
9	(7)	000352	ALQAIRAWAAN 12 (BF) (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-8-7	B Rouse	95
10	(17)	602452	WESTFIELD MOVES 10 (F,G) (A Walkley) H Collingridge 5-8-5	C Hawksley (7)	96
11	(11)	056130	ELA BILLANTE 12 (D,F) (Mrs J McAllister) J Fanshawe 3-8-5	P Robinson	94
12	(18)	212012	HIGH SUMMER 11 (D,BF,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5	L Dettori	96
13	(8)	002205	KADASTROF 10 (S) (A Patton) R Dickin 3-8-5	T Quinn	99
14	(10)	4-31220	KARAMOJA 139 (G,S) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-8-2	A Munro	88
15	(4)	431220	SALU 9 (BF,F,G,S) (W Lumley) J Etherington 4-8-0	G Duffield	98
16	(5)	31242-5	SAMAIN 18 (F) (Countryside Classics Ltd) J Glover 6-7-12	N Carlisle	79
17	(15)	300120	WHITE RIVER 11 (D,F) (C Thomas) D Haydn Jones 7-7-7	A Mackay	89
18	(13)	00-4603	VICTOR ROMEO 19 (V,C,F) (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 4-7-7	D Wright (5)	–

Long handicap: White River 7-3, Victor Romeo 5-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Alqairawaan, 6-1 Call The Guv'nor, Taroudant, 7-1 Karamoja, 8-1 Iota, 10-1 Sword Master, 12-1 Salu, 14-1 High Summer, Brodessa, 16-1 others.

1992: VAIN PRINCE 5-8-7 L Charnock (11-2) N Tinkler 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWORD MASTER ¾l 2nd of 8 to Spectacular Dawn in a handicap at Bath (2m 1f 34yd, good to firm) with FRENCH IVY (5lb better off) 8l 6th. TAROUDANT 5¾l 5th of 7 to Brandon Prince in a handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good). ALQAIRAWAAN 2l 2nd of 9 to Son Of Spring in fair handicap at Sandown Park (1m 6f, good to firm) with CALL THE GUV'NOR (1lb better off) a neck 3rd. WESTFIELD MOVES 1½l 2nd of 11 to Green's Cassatt in a handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, soft) with KADASTROF (4lb better off) 7l 5th.
HIGH SUMMER 4l 2nd of 15 to Summer Wind in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good) with WHITE RIVER (1lb better off) 13l 8th. SALU ½l 2nd of 5 to Persian Soldier in a handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CALL THE GUV'NOR

4.15 CHILDREN ADMITTED FREE LIMITED STAKES (£2,892: 1m 6f 15yd) (8 runners)

1	(4)	400	ASLAN 12 (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-10	K Fallon	85
2	(8)	541301	BIG PAT 6 (F,G) (Burton Park Country Club) J Pearce 4-9-10	J Tate (5)	87
3	(3)	455000	MADAGANS GREY 23 (F,G,S) (Bond Gover Roof) R Boss 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	80
4	(7)	254310	ROUSITTO 10 (F,S) (J Paterson) R Hollinshead 5-9-10	W Ryan	78
5	(5)	0-00	MONAZITE 56 (T Warner) M Jarvis 3-8-12	P Robinson	60
6	(6)	020322	ARAADH 14 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7	R Hills	90
7	(2)	0004	HOPEFUL PROSPECT 54 (A Lavell) A Hide 3-8-7	J Williams	75
8	(1)	400	MAMARA REEF 25 (Lord Halifax) L Cumani 3-8-7	R Cochrane	99

BETTING: 5-2 Araadh, 3-1 Mamara Reef, 4-1 Big Pat, 7-1 Aslan, 8-1 Madagans Grey, 10-1 Rousitto, 16-1 Hopeful Prospect, Monazite.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BIG PAT beat Thameda a neck in a 7-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). ROUSITTO beat Jubran ½l in a 9-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ARAADH short head 2nd of 6 to Pistols At Dawn in conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). MAMARA REEF 16l 7th of 18 to Sabrehill in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ARAADH (nap)

4.45 PLAYGROUND HANDICAP (£3,572: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1	(12)	0/3-4001	EXCLUSION 17 (D,S) (T Frost) H Candy 4-10-0	W Newnes	92
2	(17)	020140	MUSTAHIL 35 (D,F,G) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 4-9-9	A Munro	91
3	(15)	32260-0	ETERNAL FLAME 9 (D,F,G) (C Rowlands) J Hetherton 5-9-9	B Russell (5)	86
4	(18)	441501	LEAVE IT TO LIB 24 (D,F) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 6-9-8	J Tate (5)	91
5	(10)	404306-	ELEGANT FRIEND 124J (F) (M Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 5-9-6	P Robinson	81
6	(7)	16/00-16	AVISHAYES 20 (D,BF,F) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-1	K Darley	92
7	(14)	00-5200	WILD PROSPECT 82 (F,G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 5-9-0	M Birch	90
8	(2)	631066	QUANTITY SURVEYOR 10 (V,CD,G,S) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 4-9-0	G Duffield	95
9	(13)	0-6004	GREEN CHILI 20 (Major B Singh) J Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	91
10	(8)	040-	MADAM CAPRICE 299 (S Lury) R Guest 3-8-11	D Harrison (3)	81
11	(19)	526540	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 14 (D,F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 6-8-9	N Kennedy (3)	95
12	(16)	664652	PREMIER STAR 10 (B) (R Green) M Bell 3-8-9	L Dettori	93
13	(4)	54000-3	AVIATOR'S DREAM 10 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 3-8-9	K Fallon	79
14	(3)	2-60000	HAWAII STORM 9 (D,G,S) (A Sofroniou) Miss A Whitfield 5-8-7	R Painter (7)	82
15	(11)	60-0644	MBULWA 11 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) S Kettlewell 7-8-7	Pat Eddery	93
16	(1)	00202-4	NOEL 13 (Mrs M O'Shea) J O'Shea 4-8-6	D Wright (5)	84
17	(6)	00000/1	MISS CRUSTY 13 (D,F) (M Ash) D O'Neill 5-8-0	N Adams	92
18	(20)	0-06003	SABO'S EXPRESS 9 (G) (M Young) R Williams 3-7-12	D Biggs	94
19	(5)	03401	COLFAX CLASSIC 9 (G) (Colfax Windows Ltd) B Rothwell 3-7-9	S Wood	85
20	(9)	205006	LEGAL RISK 13 (V) (Jack Brown Ltd) D Haydn Jones 3-7-8	A Mackay	99

BETTING: 5-1 Avishayes, 6-1 Mbulwa, 7-1 Miss Crusty, 8-1 Premier Star, 10-1 Colfax Classic, Sabo's Express, 10-1 Avishayes, 12-1 Leave It To Lib, Quantity Surveyor, 14-1 others.

1992: HOULSTON'S WILL 3-9-0 G Baxter (12-1) Mrs J Ramsden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

EXCLUSION beat Mad Pen Rai ½l in 6-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, soft). LEAVE IT TO LIB beat Lawnswood Junior 1l in 6-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). AVISHAYES beat Pride Of Pendle 1l in 10-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m, good to firm) with MBULWA (10lb better off) about 5¾l 6th. PREMIER STAR short head 2nd of 13 to Norman Warrior in a handicap at Haydock (1m, soft) with QUANTITY SURVEYOR (6lb better off) 7l 6th. MISS CRUSTY beat Casting Shadows 1½l in a maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). SABO'S EXPRESS 4l 3rd of 13 to Infantry Glen in a selling handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good).
Selection: MISS CRUSTY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	28	66	42.4	D Harrison	7	23	30.4
R Charlton	8	20	40.0	Pat Eddery	35	139	25.2
G Harwood	6	17	35.3	P Robinson	6	28	21.4
L Cumani	7	25	28.0	L Dettori	23	122	18.9
A Hide	5	23	21.7	T Sprake	5	31	16.1
P Cole	15	76	19.7	R Cochrane	14	98	14.3

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Stingray City. 2.30 Wanza. 3.00 Killula Chief. 3.30 London Express. 4.00 Touching Star. 4.30 Azureus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 METHVEN HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,731: 3m) (8 runners)

1		DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 671F (B) P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
2	623-	OVER THE STREAM 88 (D,BF,F) M Hammond 7-11-0	C Grant
3	/142	SILVERCROSS LAD 12 (F) R Juckes 10-11-0	N Juckes (7)
4	5-40	TROOPER THORN 9 S Pittendrigh 9-11-0	R Dunwoody
5	66P-	TRUE DILEMMA 115 A Fowler 6-11-0	R Marley
6	B-25	WAYWARD EDWARD 17 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-0	D Telfer
7		STINGRAY CITY 86F L Lungo 4-10-11	F Perratt (7)
8	4-24	TRUMPET 9 (BF) J O'Shea 4-10-11	M A Fitzgerald

11-8 Stingray City, 4-1 Trumpet, 7-1 Silvercross Lad, 8-1 Over The Stream, 10-1 Dauntless Knight, 12-1 True Dilemma, 16-1 others.

2.30 ENGLISH ESTATES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,828: 2m) (11)

1		DUKE OF DREAMS 16F Mrs M Reveley 10-12	P Niven
2	5	MAGIC FAN 9F (B) Mrs A Swinbank 10-12	J Railton
3	2	NOMADIC FIRE 23 D Wintle 10-12	R Dunwoody
4		PRINCIPAL PLAYER 4F P Monteith 10-12	A Dobbin (3)
5	3	ROSCOMMON JOE 9 J J O'Neill 10-12	M Dwyer
6		WANZA 31F M Hammond 10-12	C Grant
7	0	CONTRAC COUNTESS 9 B Rothwell 10-7	R Supple
8	5	ON GOLDEN POND 23 G Moore 10-7	N Bentley (3)
9		SUMMER FLOWER 16F A Forbes 10-7	T Eley (5)
10	6	SUMMERS DREAM 9 B Richmond 10-7	D Byrne
11	0	WALSHAM WITCH 9 C Smith 10-7	M Ranger

5-2 Roscommon Joe, 7-2 Duke Of Dreams, Wanza, 8-1 Nomadic Fire, Principal Player, 10-1 On Golden Pond, 12-1 Summers Dream, 16-1 others.

3.00 ST GEORGE'S NOVICES CHASE (£2,115: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	2-31	KILLULA CHIEF 11 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 6-12-0	M Dwyer
2	0-63	EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 9 (V) Mrs S Lamyman 10-11-7	D Telfer
3	28F-	KEEP SHARP 112 Mrs S Smith 7-11-7	L Wyer
4	R/5-	VIRGINIA'S BAY 150 (D,F) Graham Richards 7-11-7	A Orkney
5	000-	WEST WITH THE WIND 75F (D,F,G) M Dods 6-11-7	T Reed
6	444-	DIZZY DEALER 86 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-2	D Morris

5-4 Killula Chief, 7-4 Keep Sharp, 11-2 Dizzy Dealer, 7-1 West With The Wind, 12-1 Eborneezer's Dream, 16-1 Virginia's Bay

3.30 TEAM VALLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,675: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1	814-	SPANISH WHISPER 38F (C,G,S) J Bostock 6-11-11	W Marston (3)
2	00-1	STANE STREET 11 (F,G) R Phillips 5-11-10	J Railton
3	400-	WHATCOMESNATURALLY 10F M Hammond 4-11-4	C Grant
4	364-	JUBILATA 80 M Wane 5-11-3	C Dennis
5	00-5	STROKED AGAIN 11 (D,F) B Richmond 8-11-3	A Maguire
6	53-6	SHAYNA MAIDEL 16 J Birkett 4-11-2	G McCourt
7	2-34	RUN MILADY 9 Mrs S Austin 5-10-8	D Wilkinson
8	50-3	GREEN'S SEAGO 11 J Harris 5-10-7	J A Harris
9	03/3	LONDON EXPRESS 12 P Hobbs 9-10-3	Peter Hobbs
10	0-0F	ALAMIR 11 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-10-1	R Dunwoody
11	0P4-	SWANK GILBERT 5F T Cuthbert 7-10-0	Carol Cuthbert (7)

5-2 Stane Street, 7-2 London Express, 11-2 Green's Seago, 7-1 Whatcomesnaturally, 8-1 Spanish Whisper, 10-1 Jubilata, 12-1 Run Milady 16-1 others.

4.00 ENGLISH ESTATES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,733: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	111-	PALMRUSH 93 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 9-11-10	C Grant
2	0-4F	MIAMI BEAR 9 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-0	Gary Lyons
3	P20-	ABSAILOR 84 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-9	P Williams (5)
4	2-33	TOUCHING STAR 12 (BF,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-8	M Hourigan (3)
5	/UP-	MR PANACHE 86 (C,F) J Hubbuck 11-10-2	D Bentley (5)

6-4 Palmrush, 15-8 Touching Star, 100-30 Miami Bear, 7-1 Absailor, 14-1 Mr Panache.

4.30 CHARTERED SURVEYORS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,108: 2m) (9)

1	/61-	AZUREUS 4F (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-12	P Niven
2	F/5-	ARCTIC OATS 373 (D,BF,F,G) W Haigh 8-11-11	S Lyons (5)
3	0R1-	CASUAL PASS 84 (CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 10-11-6	T Reed
4	506-	CHIEF RAIDER 167 (C,G) J Wade 5-10-11	A Maguire
5	P46-	TALATON FLYER 348 (D,F) P Hobbs 7-10-7	Peter Hobbs
6	312-	WEE WIZARD 117 (D,S) M Barnes 4-10-2	A Dobbin (3)
7	614-	RED JAM JAR 388 (D,BF,F) C Bell 8-10-0	Mr S Bell (7)
8	205-	BALLYANTO 86 (F,S) C Parker 8-10-0	Mr D Parker (7)
9	0PP/	LOCHNDOM 819 A Le Blond 8-10-0	R Hodge

9-4 Azureus, 3-1 Red Jam Jar, 6-1 Talaton Flyer, 13-2 Wee Wizard, 7-1 Arctic Oats, Casual Pass, 12-1 Chief Raider, 33-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Monteith, 12 winners from 40 runners, 30.0%; L Lungo, 8 from 28, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 64, 25.0%; G Moore, 21 from 87, 24.1%; M Hammond, 16 from 80, 20.0%; M Barnes, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 10 winners from 33 rides, 30.3%; M Dwyer, 15 from 53, 28.3%; G McCourt, 9 from 36, 25.0%; C Grant, 30 from 127, 23.6%; P Niven, 21 from 92, 22.8%; R Supple, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 4.45 Quantity Surveyor.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

2.05 (7f 16yd) 1, Sheriff (J Williams, 16-1); 2, Greenson (3-1 fav); 3, Princess Carmen (12-1); 4, Northern Bailiwick (12-1). 16 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Hills. Tote: £22.50; £3.80, £1.40, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £35.80. Trio: £83.50. CSF: £57.77. Tricast: £545.35. 1min 32.86sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, River Boyne (Miss A Harwood, 4-6 fav); 2, Gilderdale (9-2); 3, Credit Squeeze (8-1). 17 ran. 2½l, 2¾l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.50. Trio: £6.10. CSF: £4.27. 2min 11.91sec.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, Blaze Away (S O'Gorman, 6-1); 2, Threatening (8-1); 3, Lear Dancer (7-1). Classic Sky 5-2 fav. 6 ran. 4l, 3½l. J Balding. Tote: £7.10; £2.80, £2.80. DF: £36.40. CSF: £41.59. 1min 43.92sec.

3.40 (5f 6yd) 1, Gorinsky (T Quinn, 9-2 fav); 2, Fango (14-1); 3, Metal Boys (10-1). 13 ran. Sh hd, nk. J Berry. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £5.50, £2.80. DF: £36.10. Trio: £220.80. CSF: £67.08. Tricast: £555.69. 1min 1.26sec.

4.15 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Jazilah (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Karshi (20-1); 3, Eden's Close (17-2). Knock Knock 4-1 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 2½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £6.20, £2.40. DF: £71.70. Trio: £136.00. CSF: £85.55. Tricast: £752.75. 2min 7.50sec.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, Wings Cove (J Williams, 12-1); 2, Lake Poopo (17-2); 3, Sarawat (Evens fav). 10 ran. NR: Karamoja. 5l, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £21.60; £3.60, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £44.80. CSF: £96.88. Tricast: £174.83. 3min 1.66sec.

5.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Java Queen (S O'Gorman, 12-1); 2, La Spezia (14-1); 3, Badrah (11-1). Tap On Air 4-6 fav. 12 ran. NR: Amy Come Home. 3½l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £24.50; £5.80, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £130.80. CSF: £158.38. 1min 42.69sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £68,019.18 carried forward to Goodwood on Friday).

Placepot: £237.10.

Chester

2.00 1, Balandra Bay (100-30); 2, Selhurstpark Flyer (7-4 fav); 3, Ballah Shack (9-2). 5 ran.

2.30 1, Macfarlane (6-1); 2, Tuscan Dawn (5-1 fav); 3, Crystal Jack (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Local Heroine.

3.00 1, Hunters Of Brora (6-1); 2, Tissisat (8-1); 3, Bold Angel (5-1 jt-fav). Mentalasanythin 5-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Moon Spin, Wisham.

3.30 1, Nassma (6-4 fav); 2, Azhar (2-1); 3, Star Player (7-1). 6 ran. NR: Urgent Request, Farmer's Pet.

4.00 1, Lacotte (13-8 fav); 2, Desert Green (3-1); 3, Willow River (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Nafna.

4.30 1, Link Miles (13-2); 2, Indefence (15-8 fav); 3, Northern Celadon (7-1). 10 ran.

5.00 1, Kerkura (5-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Kardelle (14-1); 3, Elabs (11-1). 10 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Lime Street Blues
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Ripon

2.15 1, Randonneur (14-1); 2, Knayton Lass (6-1); 3, Sinners Repneve (7-4 fav). 8 ran.

2.45 1, First Bid (9-1); 2, Nawahil (8-1); 3, Barrahry (6-1). Batabanoo 9-4 fav. 12 ran.

3.15 1, Hard To Figure (10-1); 2, Samsolom (10-1); 3, Master Planner (16-1); 4, Everglades (9-2 fav). 23 ran.

3.50 1, Mr B Reasonable (16-1); 2, Eluned May (13-2); 3, Mon Rouge (8-1). Napoleon Star 9-4 fav. 9 ran.

4.25 1, Cambara (4-1); 2, Makin (3-1); 3, Tajhiz (11-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Do Tell, Wannabe.

4.55 1, Jubran (9-1); 2, Sovereign Page (9-1); 3, Superiop (12-1); 4, Duveen (6-1 jt-fav). May Hills Legacy 6-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Red Indian.

Perth

2.20 1, Contract Elite (4-5 fav); 2, Brancepeth Belle (25-1); 3, Bonus Point (2-1). 9 ran. NR: Are You Happy.

2.50 1, Fastbit (5-2); 2, Sonsie Mo (2-1); 3, Glass Mountain (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

3.20 1, Srivijaya (2-1); 2, King William (7-4 fav); 3, Heir Of Excitement (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Beaucadeau, Hazel Leaf.

3.50 1, Valiant Warrior (15-8); 2, Pearls Beau (4-6 fav); 3, Caman (11-2). 4 ran.

4.20 1, Explosive Speed (6-4); 2, Stylish Gent (16-1); 3, Fling In Spring (8-1). Blackdown 11-10 fav. 8 ran.

4.50 1, As d'Eboli (3-1); 2, Off The Bru (11-2); 3, Nuns Jewel (4-5 fav). 4 ran.

☐ Willie Ryan was suspended for two days (August 30-31) for using his whip with both unreasonable frequency and above shoulder height after winning on Nassma at Chester on Saturday.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing mounts	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	128	88	62	2	-35.68
K Darley	115	102	69	20	-64.52
L Dettori	98	84	77	7	-15.44
G Duffield	92	70	68	7	-23.44
T Quinn	86	84	75	2	-115.52
J Reid	81	74	39	1	-47.50
J Carroll	75	61	59	6	-34.77
M Roberts	75	70	90	27	-109.24
W Carson	75	66	82	3	-152.04
W Ryan	67	63	57	0	-104.30
Dean McKeown	67	63	53	10	-112.31
W R Swinburn	66	47	53	4	+16.60
M Hills	61	66	54	1	-124.83
R Cochrane	60	75	66	5	-164.95
A Munro	53	59	50	6	-123.16

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	124	119	95	1	-41.99
J Berry	109	94	84	1	-55.69
H Cecil	74	44	46	1	+25.77
J Dunlop	65	52	46	2	+1.54
Mrs M Reveley	63	51	46	6	-53.82
J Gosden	59	39	29	1	+26.19
M Johnston	55	68	46	1	-81.19
P Cole	44	44	59	3	-121.52
I Balding	43	28	26	1	-4.57
P Chapple-Hyam	40	24	16	3	-21.90
D Loder	36	26	19	3	+1.31
R Hollinshead	37	51	45	4	-187.35
M Prescott	37	29	24	4	-27.49
M Stoute	37	40	38	1	-53.53
R Akehurst	35	32	13	1	-8.60

Toller makes mark in Ireland

LORD Of The Field gave James Toller, the Newmarket trainer, a winner with his first runner in Ireland when taking the Meld Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The six-year-old, who has suffered a fractured tibia, lung infection, leg trouble and bouts of coughing during his career, was making only his twelfth racecourse appearance.

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Cole provides Newcastle with taste of life on high table



Keane: meandering

A spirited performance by Kevin Keegan's side earned it a point against the champions at Old Trafford. **Christopher Irvine** reports

IT IS all too easy to be overawed by Manchester United and the trappings of success. Kevin Keegan entered the interview suite (nothing so common as just a room) at Old Trafford in wonder. "Impressive, innit." the Newcastle United manager said, looking at the mock mahogany and launching into a jokey political speech from the podium.

Other managers will mount this scaffold to account for their sides' sins. Not Keegan and Newcastle, who kept their head and brought a sharp dose of reality back to the theatre of dreams. In restricting the champions to a 1-1 draw, they pricked the air of pomp and left Alex Ferguson smarting at his team's most slipshod showing since the beginning of last season.

Six times Ferguson mentioned carelessness on Saturday night, referring to defence and attack, and had his side converted one of three chances in the last three minutes, it would have been an injustice to Newcastle. Sit back, as United did in a flat red line for the greater part of the second half, and Aston Villa could take full advantage at Villa Park tonight.

That is the trouble with setting standards. Become complacent, and everyone gets encouraged. For United, however, as long as the lessons are absorbed, it is as well to get these games out of the system early.

Newcastle's approach was wonderfully simple: try to play the Manchester United way and you never know. The bristling display epitomised their spirit.

"Teams come here and they're trying to get the scraps off the table. Yes, it's a risky old game, and it won't always work, but for the sake of football as well, that's the way to come and play here."

Keegan said some of his players still lacked the belief that they belonged at football's high table. That should no longer be the case. The back four, and Watson in particular, coped admirably. the Cypriot, Papavasiliou, was menacing down the left, and Cole, the striker, was able to score a sparkling and deserved equaliser at his third attempt.

Maybe Keegan's description of Cole as the next Ian Wright was a shade generous. The England under-21 international managed to escape the strangely ineffectual attentions of Bruce and Irwin yet, too often, his final touch went astray, and there was too little of the wing play that turned Irwin this way and that and nearly led to a goal for Clark.

It annoyed Ferguson that a clearance led to Newcastle's goal and his generous tribute to the skills of the opposition in the programme turned out to be prophetic. Pallister wobbled at the back, Keane meandered like a man in a fog, and Kanchelskis, when he was not being flagged for offside, failed to provide Giggs with his accustomed service.

Robson, typically, provided the steel in midfield that was lacking elsewhere. His bustling foray, which was checked by Papavasiliou, furnished Ferguson with his one smile of the afternoon.

United's one moment of class came from Giggs. He spotted that Srnicek did not have the right corner of his goal covered, aimed straight from 20 yards and bulged the net at the Stretford End with a a free kick from 20 yards.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-1-2-3): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: L Sharp, 85min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — B Robson — R Keane, P Ince — A Kanchelskis (sub: B McClair, 70) M Hughes, R Giggs.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — B Venison, K Scott, S Watson, J Beresford — R Lee, L Clark, P Bracewell, L O'Brien — N Papavasiliou, A Cole.
Referee: K Morton

☐ James Lambert, 19, the Reading winger who had a trial with Monaco last season, is joining Blackburn Rovers on a month's loan after being unable to win a place in the second division side's senior team this season.

Francis pays for lack of strength in depth

Peter Ball reports from Hillsborough on a 1-0 victory for Arsenal over Sheffield Wednesday

ON FRIDAY, Andy Sinton's arrival at Hillsborough was heralded as the sign that Sheffield Wednesday are now serious competitors in the transfer market. On Saturday, Arsenal suggested that there is still a little way to go before they compete on the field.

Arsenal won with much more comfort than the scoreline suggests, playing with massive authority. They are still not a side to stir the blood, the omission of Limpar and Merson, who made a belated appearance as substitute when Parlour ran out of steam, speaking volumes for their priorities, but they passed the ball around with more patience and purpose than they have sometimes done.

"We've changed the format in midfield, having an extra man, and that has helped," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "It is lovely thinking you can play with two out and out wingers, but when a move breaks down it leaves you very vulnerable."

On Saturday, with Jensen, Parlour and Davis dominating midfield, Arsenal were impregnable rather than vulnerable. As in the cup finals last season, they imposed themselves on Wednesday, who struggled for inspiration. Perhaps it was a bad day to judge them. Sinton at least had a quietly satisfactory debut, but as a team they did little right.

Campbell and Wright mastered Wednesday's £3.25 million central defence with ease, Campbell going through to face Woods on two or three occasions as well as setting up Wright's goal. At the other end Warhurst and Hirst, who still seems to be struggling for match fitness, had a lean time against Linighan and Adams. But they had little service to work on, as Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, pointed out.

"We were unbalanced without Nilsson and Waddle, which meant the right-hand side of our team was missing" Francis said, "and that caused us problems throughout the team. If one area is not functioning that adds to the problems for everyone."

Wednesday have now failed to score in three games. Without Waddle, they created few chances and the disruption caused by the absentees meant they fielded three right-backs, Worthington, King and Warhurst, while Sheridan and Bart-Williams tried to fill Waddle's role, with little success.

"In most areas we've got cover, but on the right-hand side we don't have cover," Francis said. "And it's not easy to cover for Waddle anyway. Statistics show that he is involved in a very large percentage of our goals."

That suggests that although Sinton was proclaimed as the final piece of the jigsaw, there are still one or two pieces missing before Wednesday can match the biggest clubs.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): C Woods — N Worthington, D Walker, A Pearce, P King (sub: M Bright, 87min) — J Sheridan (sub: C Bart-Williams, 87), G Hyde, C Palmer, A Sinton — P Warhurst, D Hirst.
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — E McGoldrick, R Parlour (sub: P Merson, 77), J Jensen, P Davis — K Campbell, I Wright.
Referee: R Hart.

Liverpool stroll easily to top of Premiership table

Swindon Town	0
Liverpool	5

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL'S ascent to the top of the league for the first time under the volatile management of Graeme Souness was achieved with a tinge of sadness as heavy as the dark clouds which hovered over the County Ground.

The FA Carling Premiership has changed names twice since Souness took over the management of the club in the spring of 1991, there have been 23 changes of playing personnel and a deficit in the transfer market of some £9 million — but, at last, with the two significant additions of Neil Ruddock, for £2.5 million, and Nigel Clough, for £2.75 million, he has bought aggression and subtlety and restored the old conviction.

The score could have been anything Liverpool desired. Their team may contain five players over the age of 30, but what pedigree and experience they bring. Poor Swindon, abandoned first by Ardiles and then Hoddle, the creators of their brave attempt at fluid football, simply could not cope with the tide that came their way in Liverpool's unfamiliar change strip of green with a penguin-white front.

At the level at which John Gorman is attempting to build a team for a club that seems suspiciously to have risen above its station, the main ingredient has to be hope and character. The hope came in the first 15 minutes, when Liverpool took a long, gentle look at what was on offer. In the third minute, Summerbee chipped the ball perceptively over Liverpool's square defence to where Mutch had made an excellent run. He hesitated a fraction and Grobbelaar, the goalkeeper in black, came two yards beyond his area to block him.

There were two more chances while Liverpool waited. The first fell to Fjortoft, his attempted overhead shot going wide, and then, after Moncur drifted a delightful ball 25 yards from left to right, Mutch hit his shot along the ground a foot wide of the far post.

Then, between the sixteenth and eighteenth minutes, the game turned. Fjortoft tried to grapple with Ruddock, received a sharp elbow to the face and no mercy from a referee who ignored Ruddock's misdemeanour. Moments later, when Summerbee grounded McManaman with a less-obvious elbow, out came the yellow card. Worse, from Bjornebye's free kick, Ruddock took the ball on his chest and, with his second touch, prodded it over the goalline.

Now Liverpool took command. More precisely, Whelan and Molby took languid command. They may be the strollers of the Premiership, but they prove that the first yards of pace in true football come from the brain and, after 35 minutes, that quality was found to be lacking in the Swindon defence. Jones made a 25-yard run at the retreating red shirts, he slipped the ball out to Nicol on the right, and the Scot's measured cross was then volleyed in for goal No 2 by McManaman. Summerbee, was inert when he should have been marking the winger.

After Mutch had squandered two more opportunities, Nijholt was caught out and Swindon fell further behind. The Dutchman had possession, took his eye off the ball, and Whelan pounced. Having won the ball, the Irishman, whose return to fitness this season has much to do with Liverpool's greater composure, released McManaman, who swayed away from a naive MacLaren tackle and calmly lofted the ball wide of the on-rushing Digby.

That was in the 61st minute. Nine minutes later, the score was 4-0 after a cross from Bjornebye had been headed out straight to Whelan, who accepted the invitation to score with an instant shot from the edge of the penalty area.

By now, the embarrassment of it all was too much for Swindon. The character they will need in abundance this season seemed to desert them, their third consecutive defeat was huge and Liverpool were trying their best to lay on the 200th League goal of Ian Rush's career in a Liverpool shirt. Three times in one minute he could have scored, but when the scoreline was finally rounded up to five, it was through the substitute, Marsh, who curled in an immaculate shot with his right foot.

It was all over bar the talking and even that came from Liverpool. "It was generally known when I took over I had to make changes," Souness said. "I'm absolutely delighted to have some of the best players in English football and, if they desire it and want it, we have a chance in every competition. We can only get better and, if we do, then we can start frightening a few teams."

SWINDON TOWN (5-3-2): F Digby — N Summerbee, A Whitbread, R MacLaren, S Taylor, K Horlock — M Ling (sub: C Maskell, 78min), L Nijholt, J Mcmur (sub: M Hazard, 50) — J A Fjortoft, A Mutch.
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock (sub: M Marsh, 76), S Bjornebye (sub: S Burrows, 73) — S Nicol, R Whelan, J Molby, S McManaman — I Rush, N Clough
Referee: P Don.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Liverpool	3	9	+9	WWW
2	Everton	3	9	+5	WWW
3	Ipswich	3	9	+5	WWW
4	Manchester Utd	3	7	+5	DWW
5	Coventry	3	7	+4	DWW
6	Norwich	3	6	+3	WWL
7	Blackburn	3	6	+1	WLW
8	Tottenham	3	6	+1	WLW
9	Arsenal	3	6	-1	WWL
10	Aston Villa	3	5	+3	DDW
11	Wimbledon	3	5	+2	DDW
12	Leeds	3	4	-3	LWD
13	Sheffield Utd	3	3	-3	LLW
14	Oldham	3	3	-3	LWL
15	QPR	3	3	-4	WLL
16	Chelsea	3	1	-2	LDL
17	Newcastle	3	1	-2	DLL
18	Machester City	3	1	-2	LLD
19	West Ham	3	1	-3	DLL
20	Sheffield Wed	3	1	-3	LDL
21	Southampton	3	0	-4	LLL
22	Swindon	3	0	-7	LLL

Moved up — Stayed the same — Moved down

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ruddock is denied by Digby, the Swindon goalkeeper, Summberbee and Taylor at the County Ground yesterday

Gould burdened by heavy schedule

Russell Kempson hears familiar grumbles about tired players with the Premiership only eight days into its inaugural season

WOE, woe and thrice woe. The FA Carling Premiership is still in its infancy and the managerial bitching has started. Too many matches in too few days: no time to recover before going over the top again.

Last year, it was Gerry Francis, the Queens Park Rangers manager, who moaned and groaned when his team were handed a three games in six days introduction to the Premier League. Yet amid predictions of doom, his players collected seven points.

On Saturday, it was Bobby Gould, the Coventry City manager, spouting forth on the onerous burden of being a professional footballer. Coventry had just completed three matches in eight days, with a 1-1 draw against West Ham United, and had also harvested seven points.

But the pressure of having to fully exert themselves for 4½ hours in little more than a week was beginning to tell. Even during the pre-match warm-up, overseen by Phil Neal, Gould's assistant, the signs were ominous. "Phil reckoned there was no zip in the players," Gould said. "And you could see it in their faces. They were blank. We just weren't at the ball game.

"It all catches up with you, no matter who you are. Some of our younger guys are still learning their trade and it's exhausting for them, mentally and physically. It's asking the human body to do too much."

Gould offered no solution and, with a grudging acceptance, is forced to exhort his already tired and emotional men to greater efforts when the last thing they want to think about is kicking a ball. "We have to take what is thrown at us," he said. Until the Premiership chairmen relax their grip on financial gain, and begin to prune the 22-club format at the end of next season, he and his ilk have no option. More matches means more money yet, more often than not, a second-rate product; less matches means less lucre yet fit, fresh frames and, perhaps, a rejuvenated England squad.

But is it really too much to expect a team to perform close to its best when it has won both its opening fixtures, including a 3-0 success away to Arsenal, and is only a fraction into the season? Is it fair to blame the system rather than the individuals for a largely clueless and lethargic display? At Highfield Road, apparently so.

Coventry ambled around on Saturday, with little stimulation or inspiration, until Wegerle pushed forward from his deep-lying role to poach a 57th-minute equaliser. West Ham had gone ahead in first-half injury time through Gordon and, despite *nil points* and no goals from their previous two outings, at least appeared interested.

Dicks, their strong and thrusting left back, has never been short on motivation and but for a penchant for taking the law into his own hands could have been pushing for a similar slot in the national side. A backward swipe at Flynn, and yellow card, further diminished his chances of a call from Graham Taylor.

Coventry must now regroup, reassess the part they have to play in the Premiership's rich tapestry and travel to Oldham Athletic tomorrow. Another town, another 90 minutes. Poor souls.

COVENTRY CITY (3-4-1-2): J Gould — P Atherton, D Rennie, P Babb — S Flynn, P Ndlovu, A Sheridan (sub: W Boland, 45min), S Morgan — R Wegerle — J Williams (sub: P Williams, 74), M Quinn
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, C Foster, S Potts, J Dicks — D Gordon, M Allen, P Butler, K Rowland — T Morley, C Allen.
Referee: S Lodge.

Villa settle for point and no return

Peter Robinson sees Ron Atkinson's side draw 2-2 with Wimbledon in a typically uncompromising encounter at Selhurst Park

THE sense of relief as Aston Villa stepped wearily onto their team coach on Saturday evening said it all. Tired, bruised, but still standing, had they stood as one and chorused "Thank heavens that is over", they could not have made it any clearer. In the FA Carling Premiership at least, they can steer well clear of Selhurst Park for another season and concentrate on easier ventures out of Villa Park, like trips to Old Trafford or Anfield.

The long and difficult trip from the Midlands, the odd atmosphere generated by 7,533 spectators in a stadium built to hold more than four times that number and, of course, Wimbledon's rough-house approach to the game make this corner of Croydon one of the least loved in football by teams such as Villa. Had you offered them a 2-2 draw beforehand, they would have said: "Thank you very much, that'll do nicely". In the event, that is what they got, and that is what they did.

It could have been more and would have been had they finished with any kind of aplomb, but stealing a draw from this fixture is always a decent result, never mind what might have been. Wimbledon may still be horrible to watch, but they are as effective as ever, and already have their eyes on a place in Europe next season.

Villa represented just another obstacle in their path and, like anything else that gets in their way, they were happy to crash through it in a flurry of elbows and crunching tackles. Villa, smaller and quicker, trotted out in what looked like one of Crystal Palace's old strips, and did their best to keep out of the way.

They drew first blood, too, crowning an impressive opening spell with a slick four-man move that Richardson finished with an astute run and clip past the keeper. Wimbledon fought back, peppering Spink in the Villa goal with high crosses from all angles until finally he hesitated and left Holdsworth in space to head the simplest of equalisers.

At half-time came instructions from Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, to convert missed chances into goals. His namesake, Dalian Atkinson, did his best to oblige, but time and time again found the crowd when it seemed easier to score. On good days, similar opportunities find the net and everybody marvels at the quality of Villa's finishing. This was not a good day.

Wimbledon, with Fashanu locked in a gladiatorial struggle with Teale in which no quarter was asked for and none given, looked the more likely winners until Staunton squeezed his corner between players and the near post with nine minutes to go.

Again, back came Wimbledon. From another high cross Fashanu bounced his header into the top corner, flattening his marker in the process; honours even and the points shared.

Afterwards, Wimbledon's players, particularly Fashanu, emerged grinning and dispiritingly fresh. Villa's, at least some of them, looked shattered, thinking only of a rest before heading back to Birmingham. Tonight, they play Manchester United. A different game, almost a different world.

WIMBLEDON (4-3-3): H Segers — R Joseph, J Scales, D Blackwell, A Kimble — W Barton, R Earle, L Sanchez — J Fashanu, D Holdsworth, A Clarke (sub: G Dobbs, 65min).
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Spink — E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton — R Houghton, G Cowans, K Richardson, S Froggatt — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: J Borrett.

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Millwall's opening wrecked by Southend

Millwall 1
Southend United 4

By Keith Pike

NICE stadium, shame about the team. Millwall may have the ground of the future at Senegal Fields, staging competitive football for the first time yesterday, but their performance was a shambles as Southend coasted to an emphatic Endsleigh Insurance League first division victory.

As a grand opening party, it could hardly have gone worse for Millwall. Many of the expected guests failed to show up, just 10,274 in an impressive arena designed to hold twice that many, and long before the end they were streaming towards the exits, having seen — along with the millions watching on television — their team comprehensively outplayed. The decision to leave Cold Blow Lane may have cost Millwall their biggest asset: the power to intimidate.

Both clubs had given their coffers a substantial boost in the summer by banking cheques from Nottingham Forest, but while Barry Fry, the Southend manager, has bought a new team on a third of the proceeds of the £2.9m sale of Stan Collymore, Millwall have resisted any temptation. A few more displays like this one, though, and the pressure on Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, to invest some of the £1.7m he received for Colin Cooper will be enormous.

It was in defence where Cooper was missed most, but Millwall's deficiencies were exploited elsewhere. Pedestrian in midfield and predictable in attack, they looked a pale imitation of the side which only just missed out on the play-offs last season.

They had no answer to the vision of the diminutive Derek Payne, who orchestrated Southend's incessant attacks, and were destroyed down the flanks by the pace of Otto and Ansah.

McCarthy, predictably, was unimpressed. "I was embarrassed," he said. "It was the worst performance since I came here. I have had to question a few of the players' attitudes and it is the first time I've had to do that."

If Millwall had one excuse it was that Keith Stevens, their highly competitive stopper, never fully recovered from the gashed forehead which forced him to leave the field for seven minutes early in the match. But even before then the pattern had been established. Southend could have been five clear by the interval.

Astonishingly, though, they had to come from behind. Lee and Otto had squandered the best of Southend's early chances before a rare Millwall attack ended with Kerr shooting low past Sansome.

From then on only Keller and his goal frame stood between Southend and a rout. Even before Lee rose to head in Locke's 36th minute corner, he and Angell had both stretched Keller to his limits, and Ansah and Angell had hit the same post in one attack.

As Millwall became desperate in the second half, their supporters resorted to incessant verbal abuse of Southend's four non-white players. Three goals in 26 minutes was the perfect response.

Otto put Southend in front, converting at the far post after Stevens' slip allowed Ansah and Lee to work the ball from right to left, and Stevens was partly at fault again as Sansome's punt was allowed to bounce deep inside the Millwall area, where Mooney, the substitute, scored with his first touch. Like Lee before him, he was marking his Southend debut in the best way possible.

The final word fell to Ansah who was unmarked as he headed in Otto's left wing cross.


Fry: signings paid off

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — K Cunningham, A McCarthy, K Stevens, I Dawes — A Roberts, I Bogie, G Maguire, A Dolby (sub: R Huxford, 64min) — J Kerr, B Murray (sub: J Byrne, 69).
SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): P Sansome — A Locke (sub: J Hunt, 82), A Edwards, G Bressington, C Powell — A Ansah, A Sussex, D Payne, R Otto — J Lee, B Angell (sub: T Mooney, 69).
Referee: K Barratt

Celtic are no nearer to new era

Twice a year, it is possible for everyone connected with Celtic to contemplate the pleasures of a parallel universe, one in which they are restored to dominance and Rangers are reduced to a supporting role. So it was on Saturday when warm sunshine sharpened the tribal colours of 47,942 spectators in Britain's biggest crowd of the day, an assembly in which Celtic supporters outnumbered the Rangers contingent by three to one.

The game itself ended in a less satisfactory split from Celtic's point of view, after the first goalless draw in an Old Firm derby for nine years, but since Celtic controlled the balance of creative play and enjoyed most of the goalmouth chances, optimists in green and white could still believe that their team might yet beat Rangers over the course of the league season.

Michael Kelly, the Celtic director and former Lord Provost of Glasgow who belongs to one of the club's founding families, took the long view when he was interviewed an hour before the kick-off: "When I was a young supporter, Rangers were much the more sucessful club and Celtic struggled," he said.

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

"Then along came Jock Stein and Celtic won nine league titles in a row and it was Rangers' turn to wonder when it would end. But it turned around, as it always does, because success in football is cyclical and when our time comes again it will be all the sweeter."

A cycle is one thing, but an epoch is another matter entirely, and although football is notoriously capricious in its disposal of fortune, there is evidence to suggest that Celtic may not yet even be bouncing along the bottom of their hard times. When Rangers were excluded from the championship for almost a decade during the Stein years, they consoled themselves by reaching two European finals and, in the four years before they broke Celtic's title monopoly, Rangers won the Scottish League Cup, Scottish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

By contrast, Celtic have not won a trophy for four years and the club seems trapped not so much in a cycle as by the business of recycling. When Liam Brady was appointed manager two years ago, it was he because his provenance was similar to that of Graeme Souness; like Souness, he had a distinguished record as an international footballer with a successful club career in England and Italy.

But the cicrumstances that favoured Souness's managerial apprenticeship no longer existed in 1991. Souness had been able to buy and sell, sometimes manically, but always in a bull market, so that when he priodically discarded players after a few months' use, he was usually able to turn a profit. Brady has operated in a stagnant market and has yet to find a Woods, Butcher, Roberts or Hateley.

Above all, he has yet to uncover a Maurice Johnston. Johnston's mediocre record at Everton should not obscure his significance to Celtic. When he agreed to return to Parkhead from Nantes in May 1989, the news galvanised his former club to the extent that Roy Aitken, then Celtic captain, declared it had been a factor in Celtic's 1-0 Scottish Cup final victory over Rangers.

A month later, Johnston reneged on his promise and moved to Ibrox. Since then, the Parkhead trophy cabinet has remained bare and Celtic have failed to sign any player of similar charisma.

Rangers have, though, and his name is Duncan Ferguson. His debut for the club on Saturday was his first competitive game since April and he began to tire rapidly midway through the second half. Nevertheless, of the three Rangers attempts on target — Celtic managed only one — Ferguson struck two and forced Bonner into parrying saves.

The lesson for Celtic remains clear — as far as this cycle of football history goes, it is Rangers who continue to pedal clear of the chasing pack.

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Hateley manages to reach the ball despite the attentions of a Celtic defender

Canadian earns share of spoils for City

Birmingham City 2
Wolverhampton W 2

By Peter Ball

IF THE first division is going to produce games like this, Central television viewers are going to have an entertaining winter. Birmingham City and Wolverhampton Wanderers conjured up a classic old-fashioned West Midlands derby yesterday, full of fierce challenge and a lot of good football.

At the end a draw was a just result, although Birmingham might disagree. The comparatively poor relations, having spent £500,000 on players to Wolves' £2.5 million, had more of the possession and the better chances after fighting back from 2-0 down.

Birmingham City have been the great under-achievers in British football, but St Andrew's is being modernised and there is a buzz of excitement about. Yesterday they more than matched their expensive opponents.

In the process they suggested that any assumptions about Wolves buying promotion may be sunk in the mass of those great levellers, derby matches.

"It's going to be difficult for any Midlands side to stay in the top two," Terry Cooper, the Birmingham manager, said. It did not look it after 35 minutes, as Wolves scored twice in 45 seconds.

Ironically the goals came not from their formidable forwards, Bull in particular having a difficult time, but from further back. Venus exchanged passes with Mountfield, and floated the ball inside the near post.

The Wolves supporters were still celebrating when their side scored again. It is easy to assume that Geoff Thomas was signed to do for Wolves what Vinnie Jones did for Leeds, but Thomas is more than just an intimidator.

He timed his run perfectly to accept Birch's long pass and drive the ball under Miller.

That seemed likely to be that, but Birmingham hit back with two goals in a minute after the interval. Peschisolido, the Canadian international, accepted Smith's pass to beat Stowell and then set up the equaliser for Saville.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): K Miller — S Hiley, R Dryden, C Whyte, J Frain — E McMinn, G Parris (sub: L Donowa, 68min), P Mardon, D Smith — A Saville, P Peschisolido (sub. P Moulden, 88).
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — M Rankine, D Mountfield, P Shirtliff, M Venus — P Birch, P Cook, G Thomas, K Keen — S Bull, D Kelly (sub: C Regis, 73).
Referee: K Cooper

Wycombe may need time to bridge league gap

Keith Pike believes the Conference champions should temper early optimism with caution

AFTER a 600-mile detour via Carlisle and a midweek excursion to Leyton Orient, Wycombe Wanderers finally arrived at the promised land, their first home match bringing them their first Endsleigh Insurance League victory on Saturday. The relief which pervaded Adams Park was almost tangible.

The burden of expectancy is already weighing heavily on Wycombe and Martin O'Neill's decision to reject Nottingham Forest's summer overtures and commit himself to the Buckinghamshire club has only added to it.

Bookmakers have made them short-priced favourites for the third division but, of the 29 sides admitted to the league since 1923, only three have won promotion at the first attempt and, on the evidence of their 1-0 defeat of Chester City on Saturday, Wycombe's credentials are suspect.

O'Neill's own expectations are more realistic. "We are not suddenly going to sweep all before us," he said. "The supporters should realise what a big step up we have made."

Chester, having lost their final seven games last season, when they were relegated, have now been beaten in their first three matches of the new campaign. Yet, with a little more composure and a sprinkling of luck, they would have at least got a draw.

Wycombe employ a standard 4-4-2 formation, robust but short of pace in defence and largely functional rather than inspirational further forward. What they do have, though, is a winger who, on his own, makes them worth watching.

Steve Guppy, last season's GM Vauxhall Conference player of the year, has the pace and ability to beat his man on either foot and eventually dismantled every barrier the men from the walled city of Chester tried to erect. It was his lofted pass which enabled Scott to score the decisive ninth-minute goal.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-4-2): P Hyde — J Cousins, M Crossley, A Kerr, D Titterton — D Carroll (sub. H Hayrettin, 74min), K Ryan, S Stapleton, S Guppy — K Scott, S Thompson (sub. T Langford, 78).
CHESTER CITY (4-4-2): W Stewart — R Preece, M Came, C Greenall, J Jakub — D Thompson, E Bishop (sub: I Jenkins, 87), C Lightfoot, D Pugh — S Rimmer (sub: D Donnelly, 74), M Leonard.
Referee: M Bailey

WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

BLACKBURN (1) 1 OLDHAM (0) 0
Moran 10; 13,731

COVENTRY (0) 1 WEST HAM (1) 1
Wegerle 57; Gordon 45; 12,909

EVERTON (2) 4 SHEFF UTD (1) 2
Cottee 35, 63, 90 Ebbrell 45; Whitehouse 1 Cork 89; 24,169

IPSWICH (1) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Marshall 33; 17,582

LEEDS (0) 0 NORWICH (2) 4
Fox 2, 69 Sutton 41 Goss 62; 32,008

MAN UTD (1) 1 NEWCASTLE (0) 1
Giggs 40; Cole 71; 41,829

QPR (1) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1
Penrice 13 Wilson 46 (pen); Dowie 87; 10,613

SHEFF WED (0) 0 ARSENAL (1) 1
Wright 9; 26,023

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 MAN CITY (0) 0
Sedgley 68; 24,535

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 A VILLA (1) 2
Holdsworth 38 Fashanu 85; Richardson 17 McGrath 82; 7,533

Yesterday

SWINDON (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (2) 5
17,017; Ruddock 17 McManaman 36, 61, Whelan 70, Marsh 80

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	1	9
2 Everton	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	9
3 Ipswich	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	9
4 Man Utd	3	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	7
5 Coventry	3	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	7
6 Norwich	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
7 Blackburn	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	6
8 Tottenham	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
9 Arsenal	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	6
10 Aston Villa	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	2	5
11 Wimbledon	3	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	5
12 Leeds	3	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	4
13 Sheff Utd	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	7	3
14 Oldham	3	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	3
15 QPR	3	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	4	3
16 Chelsea	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
17 Newcastle	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
18 Man City	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
19 West Ham	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
20 Sheff Wed	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
21 Southampton	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
22 Swindon	3	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	1	1	3	0

Leading scorers in premiership: 3 Clough (Liverpool), Cottee (Everton), Fashanu (Wimbledon), Marshall (Ipswich), Quinn (Coventry), Sutton (Norwich).

	Offences Bkg	S-off	Attendances Average	+/-
Arsenal	4	0	24,897	+2.0
Aston Villa	1	0	32,994	+11.5
Blackburn	0	0	13,848	-14.8
Chelsea	2	0	29,189	+55.4
Coventry	2	0	14,234	-4.2
Everton	1	0	25,102	+22.8
Ipswich	1	0	16,075	-11.8
Leeds	2	0	33,298	+13.8
Liverpool	5	0	44,004	+18.9
Man City	1	0	32,366	+31.0
Man Utd	2	0	41,889	+19.2
Newcastle	5	1	35,216	+21.4
Norwich	0	0	19,705	+22.0
Oldham	4	0	12,182	-5.3
QPR	2	0	15,124	+0.7
Sheff Utd	6	0	20,904	+11.2
Sheff Wed	1	1	27,236	-0.1
Southampton	2	0	14,051	-8.7
Swindon	3	0	14,493	+35.3
Tottenham	4	0	26,445	-4.7
West Ham	2	0	20,363	+27.3
Wimbledon	3	0	9,308	+10.7

... Whitehouse (Sheff Utd)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON (0) 1 STOKE (0) 1
Coyle 49; Stein 68; 11,328

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 C PALACE (0) 0
Baird 69 Allison 84; 12,068

MIDDLSBROUGH (2) 3 DERBY (0) 0
Kernaghan 4 Wilkinson 31 Hendrie 57; 15,168

NOTTM FOR (2) 5 GRIMSBY (1) 3
Black 14, Futcher (og) 19 Glover 53 Woan 61 Rosario 76; Mendonca 44, 66 Dobbin 60; 23,225

PETERBORO (0) 1 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1
Welsh 58; Draper 66; 6,890

PORTSMTH (1) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Hall 40; 12,248

SUNDRLAND (0) 4 CHARLTON (0) 0
Goodman 85 Gray 74 Cunnington 82 Armstrong 84; 17,647

TRANMERE (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 0
Malkin 52; 8,766

WATFORD (0) 0 BARNSLEY (2) 2
5,937; Biggins 4 Bryson 12

WEST BROM (1) 3 OXFORD UTD (1) 1
Hunt 44 Donovan 49 O'Regan 84; Robinson 42; 17,227

Yesterday

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 WOLVES (2) 2
Peschisolido 50 Saville 52; Venus 35 Thomas 36; 15,117

MILLWALL (1) 1 SOUTHEND (1) 4
Kerr 22; Lee 35 Otto 55 Mooney 72 Ansah 82; 10,273

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Middlesbro	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	6
2 Charlton	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	5	6
3 Nottm Forest	3	1	1	0	6	4	0	1	0	1	1	5
4 Derby	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	4	4
5 Peterborough	3	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	1	2	4
6 Southend	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	4
7 Wolves	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	4
8 West Brom	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
9 Barnsley	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	4	4
10 Tranmere	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
11 Oxford Utd	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	3
12 Portsmouth	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	3
13 Sunderland	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	3
14 Bristol City	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	3
15 Millwall	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	1	3
16 Leicester	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
17 Luton	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
18 Bolton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
19 Notts County	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
20 Grimsby	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	5	1
21 Birmingham	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
22 Stoke	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
23 C Palace	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
24 Watford	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	0

Leading scorer in division: 4 Donovan (West Brom)

TRANSFERS (w/e August 21): Andy Sinton (QPR) to Sheff W, £2.75m; Steve Yates (Bristol R) to QPR, £750,000; Jakob Kjeldberg (Silkeborg) to Chelsea, £400,000; Jostein Flo (Sogndal) to Sheff U, £400,000; Peter Shirtliff (Sheff W) to Wolves, £250,000; Andy Mutch (Wolves) to Swindon, £250,000; Paul Williams (Stockport) to Coventry, £150,000; Worrell Sterling (Peterboro) to Bristol R, £140,000; Martin Carruthers (A Villa) to Stoke, £100,000; Barry Hunter (Crusaders) to Wrexham, £50,000; David Phillips (Norwich) to Nottm For, tribunal; John Harkes (Sheff W) to Derby, tribunal; Graham Stuart (Chelsea) to Everton, tribunal; David Johnson (Sheff W) to Lincoln, tribunal; Ian Juryeff + Andy Toman (Darlington) to Scunthorpe, nominal; Chris Leadbitter (Cambridge) to Bournemth, nominal; Mike Conroy (Burnley) to Preston, nominal; Gary Barnett (Huddersfld) to Leyton O, nominal; Trevor Matthewson (Birmingham) to Preston, nominal

SENDINGS OFF: Peter Billing (Port Vale) 10min, prof foul; Bobby Bowry (C Palace) 18, violent conduct; Mike Duxbury (Bradford) 44, fighting; Brian McGorry (Bournemouth) 44, fighting; Bruce Dyer (Watford) 45, serious foul; Gerry Taggart

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Watson 50; Allon 11; 4,024

BOURNEMTH (0) 1 BRADFORD (0) 1
Cotterill 88; Reid 71 (pen); 4,769

BRIGHTON (1) 1 HARTLPOOL (1) 1
Kennedy 12; Gallacher 20; 5,230

EXETER (0) 1 YORK (1) 2
Jepson 58 (pen); Swann 41 Naylor 52; 2,807

FULHAM (0) 1 CARDIFF (1) 3
Baddeley (og) 77; Blake 14, 47 Thompson 55; 5,696

HULL (1) 2 PLYMOUTH (1) 2
Brown 44 Windass 70 (pen); Castle 45, 78; 3,580

L ORIENT (0) 1 BRISTOL ROV (0) 0
Taylor 79; 4,155

PORT VALE (3) 6 BARNET (0) 0
Slaven 32, 40, 43 Foyle 52, 69, 74; 7,538

READING (2) 2 BURNLEY (0) 1
Quinn 10 McPherson 26; Eyres 85 (pen); 5,855

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3
Varadi 9 Wilder 58 (pen); Onuora 22 Roberts 78 Wells 89; 5,540

STOCKPORT (1) 3 CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1
Preece 33, 73 Francis 58; Danzey 64; 3,782

SWANSEA (1) 3 WREXHAM (1) 1
Harris 44 Pascoe 77 Cornforth 83 (pen); Watkin 40; 5,383

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stockport	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	2	6
2 Reading	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	6
3 York	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	6
4 Hull	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	4
5 Bradford	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
6 Brentford	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
7 Bournemouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4
8 Port Vale	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
9 Swansea	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
10 Camb Utd	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	3
11 Burnley	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
12 Huddersfield	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	3	2	3
13 Cardiff	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
14 Fulham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
15 Leyton Orient	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
16 Rotherham	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	3	3	1
17 Plymouth	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	2	1
18 Wrexham	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	1
19 Blackpool	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	1
20 Hartlepool	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
21 Brighton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
22 Exeter	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
23 Barnet	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	6	0
24 Bristol Rov	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Slaven (Port Vale), McCarthy (Bradford).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier Division: Fleetwood 2 Emley 2; Frickley 0 Colwyn Bay 1; Gainsborough 0 B Auckland 0; Horwich 1 Matlock 1, Hyde 1 Accrington Stanley 4, Knowsley 1 Buxton 1 Leek 0 Bridlington 2; Marine 3 Boston 2. Morecambe 1 Droylsden 2; Whitley Bay 0 Chorley 0; Winsford 1 Barrow 2.
First division: Ashton 5 Worksop 0, Bamber Bridge 2 Alfreton 2; Congleton 0 Lancaster 2; C Ashton 1 Goole 1, Farsley C 1 Caernarfon 0, Gt Harwood 2 Mossley 1, Gretna 4 Radcliffe Boro 0, Guiseley 6 Workington 2. Netherfield 0 Harrogate 0; Spennymoor 1 Warrington 2.

Third division

CHESTRFLD (2) 3 HEREFORD (1) 1
S Norris 15, 57 Turnbull 40; Pickard 45; 2,718

CREWE (1) 2 COLCHESTR (0) 1
Ward 41, 59; Ball 68; 2,700

DONCASTER (0) 0 CARLISLE (0) 0
2,575

LINCOLN (1) 1 DARLINGTN (1) 1
Baraclough 35 (pen); Gaughan 29; 2,699

ROCHDALE (2) 3 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Butler 36 Whitehall 42 Stuart 79; 2,092

SCARBORO (1) 3 PRESTON (2) 4
Young 38 Knowles 58 Charles 68 (pen); Ellis 14, 48 Ainsworth 28, 53; 2,329

SCUNTHRPE (0) 1 BURY (0) 1
Thompstone 89; Reid 90; 3,375

SHRWSBURY (0) 1 WALSALL (0) 2
Brown 46; Gayle 53 Cecere 88; 3,681

TORQUAY (0) 1 WIGAN (0) 1
Moore 75; Morton 67; 3,465

WYCOMBE (1) 1 CHESTER (0) 0
Scott 8; 5,607

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Chesterfield	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	6
2 Crewe	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	6
3 Rochdale	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
4 Scunthorpe	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
5 Torquay	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
6 Wycombe	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	4
7 Doncaster	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
8 Scarborough	2	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	3
9 Preston	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4	3	3
10 Walsall	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	3
11 Colchester	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
12 Mansfield	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
13 Carlisle	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
14 Darlington	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
15 Bury	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
16 Lincoln	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
17 Wigan	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
18 Northampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
19 Shrewsbury	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
20 Hereford	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
21 Chester	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
22 Gillingham	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0

Leading scorers in division: 3 Ellis (Preston), Norris (Chesterfld)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Atherstone 2 Farnborough 0; Bashley 2 Halesowen 1; Burton 1 Trowbridge 1; Cambridge C 1 Moor Green 3; Cheltenham 5 Chelmsford 0; Corby 2 Gloucester 1; Crawley 1 Nuneaton 0; Dorchester 1 Gresley 2; Sittingbourne 3 Hednesford 0; Solihull 1 Waterlooville 1, Worcester 3 Hastings 1.
Midland Division: Bilston 0 RC Warwick 0, Bridgnorth 0 Bedworth 2; Forest Green 0 Grantham 2; Hinckley 0 Evesham 0; King's Lynn 3 Stourbridge 2; Leicester 0 Dudley 5, Newport AFC 3 Tamworth 1, Redditch 2 VS Rugby 0, Rushden and Diamonds 2 Clevedon 0; Sutton Coldfield 0 Weston-Super-Mare 3, Yate 0 Armitage 1
Southern Division: Baldock 4 Havant 2; Braintree 1 Ashford 3; Buckingham 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Canterbury C 3 Sudbury 0; Dunstable 2 Burnham 2, Erith and Belvedere 0 Weymouth 3; Margate 0 Fareham 0, Newport IOW 3 Bury 0; Poole 5 Wealdstone 1, Salisbury C 6 Fisher 93 0, Witney 0 Tonbridge AFC 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (1) 5 MACCLSFLD (1) 1
Smart 12 (pen) Adcock 49, 60, 62 Boyle 64; Sharratt 27; 667

BROMSGROVE (1) 1 YEOVIL (0) 2
Crisp 7; Spencer 77 Sanderson 88; 1,157

DAGENHAM & RED (2) 3 SOUTHPORT (2) 3
Watts 16 Jones 37 De Souza 47; Comstive 21 Walmsley 38 Withers 52; 1,234

DOVER (1) 3 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1
Leworthy 38, 64 Bartlett 69; Gordon 90; 1,729

GATESHEAD (1) 2 RUNCORN (1) 2
Farrey 10 Dobson 75; Sweeney (og) 11 Brabin 58; 510

HALIFAX (0) 0 KETTERING (0) 0
1,810

MERTHYR (0) 0 ALTRNCHM (0) 0
643

NORTHWICH (0) 0 WOKING (0) 0
1,041

STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 SLOUGH (1) 1
679; Stanley 40

TELFORD (1) 2 WITTON (1) 2
Parrish 9 Whitehouse 56; Burke 23 Rose 66; 933

WELLING (1) 2 STAFFORD (0) 1
Robbins 31 Abbott 90; Essex 46; 885

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Bath	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2 Dover	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
3 Welling	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
4 Yeovil	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
5 Slough	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
6 Dagenham R	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
7 Southport	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	1
8 Gateshead	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
9 Runcorn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
10 Telford	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
11 Witton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
12 Altrincham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
13 Halifax	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14 Kettering	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
15 Merthyr	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16 Northwich	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
17 Woking	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
18 Bromsgrove	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 Stafford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
20 Stalybridge	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Kidderminster	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
22 Macclesfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Kingstonian 6; Basingstoke 1 Molesey 2; Carshalton 0 Enfield 3; Dorking 4 Wivenhoe 1; Dulwich 3 Hayes 2; Grays 0 Hendon 3, Harrow 1 Wokingham 1; Hitchin 1 Bromley 0, St Albans 1 Chesham 1, Sutton U 0 Stevenage Borough 0, Yeading 2 Marlow 0. First division: Abingdon 1 B Regis 1; Barking 0 Croydon 2, Billericay 0 Wembley 1; Chalfont St P 0 Staines 5, Heybridge Sw 1 Boreham Wood 2; Maidenhead 4 Whyteleafe 0; Purfleet 2 Ruislip M 1; Uxbridge 1 Leyton 2; Walton and H 2 Berkhamsted 1; Windsor and E 0 B Stortford 1; Worthing 0 Tooting and M 0. Second division: Aldershot 3 Egham 2; Banstead 4 Rainham 1, Collier Row 2 Metropolitan Police 2; Edgware 3 Witham 4, Hampton 1 Newbury 1, Hemel Hempstead 3 S Walden 1, Hungerford 0 Ware 0; Leatherhead 0 Barton 2; Lewes 1 Chertsey 3, Malden V 1 Aveley 1, Thame 0 Tilbury 1. Third division: Bracknell 3 Epsom and E 2; Cheshunt 1 Tring 1, Clapton 2 Horsham 1; E Thurrock 1 Flackwell H 3. Harefield 0 Hertford 0; Harlow 2 Camberley 0; Hornchurch 2 Oxford 1, Kingsbury 1 Southall 2; Northwood 2 Leighton 0; Royston 1 Cove 0.

Scottish League

Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 0
47,942

DUNDEE (0) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 1
Dodds 54; Shearer 3; 7,655

HEARTS (0) 1 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Johnston 52; 17,283

KILMARNCK (0) 0 MOTHERWLL (0) 1
7,555; McGrillen 66

RAITH (1) 2 PARTICK (1) 2
Dennis 27 Dalziel 60 (pen); Britton 34 Grant 53; 3,814

ST JOHNSTNE (0) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
Torfason 65; McKinlay 77; 6,247

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Motherwell	3	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	5
2 Rangers	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	5
3 Dundee Utd	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	4
4 Aberdeen	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	4
5 Hearts	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
6 Celtic	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	3
7 Partick	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
8 Raith	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	2
9 St Johnstone	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
10 Hibernian	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
11 Kilmarnock	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
12 Dundee	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1

Leading scorers in division: 4 McGrillen (Motherwell), Shearer (Aberdeen), Cameron (Partick).

SENDINGS OFF: Paul Lambert (St Mirren) 3min, ott ball; Paul Armstrong (Stirling) 12, handball; Robert Reilly (Stirling) 33, violent conduct; Colin Mitchell (Stirling) 56, handball; Jeff Strachan (Arbroath) 80, 2nd bkg; Raymond Sharp (Dunfermline) 88, 2nd bkg

ULSTER CUP: Sectional matches: Ballyclare 2 Ards 0; Ballymena 1 Crusaders 1; Carrick 0 Linfield 3; Cliftonville 0 Bangor 4; Distillery 0 Larne 2; Glentoran 3 Coleraine 2; Portadown 5 Omagh 0.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 6 Maesteg Pk 1, Caersws 1 Cwmbran 1, Connah's Q 5 Llanelli 1, Conwy 2 Afan Lido 3, Haverfordwest 1 Flint 2, Holywell 1 Briton F 3, Mold 1 Aberystwyth 3, Newtown 0 Ebbw V 3; Porthmadog 1 Inter Cardiff 2; Ton Pentre 0 Llansantffraid 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0 Tiverton 4, Bristol MF 0 Odd Down 4, Calne 0 Torrington 1, Chippenham 1 Paulton 1; Elmore 1 Liskeard 5, Frome 2 Exmouth 1; Mangotsfld 1 Crediton 1, Saltash 1 Taunton 2, Westbury 3 Minehead 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 3 Chatteris 0; Gorleston 0 Harwich 2; Halstead 3 Watton 1; Haverhill 3 Fakenham 0, March T 0 Felixstowe 3; Newmarket 3 Lowestoft 1. Norwich U 1 Cornard 0; Stowmarket 1 Wisbech 0; Sudbury Wanderers 1 Histon 0, Tiptree 2 Gt Yarmouth 1

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1 Rossendale 2, Bradford Pk 1 Salford 4; Clitheroe 1 Blackpool 2; Eastwood Han 2 Prescot 1 Glossop NE 1 Bootle 1; Maine Rd 1 Burscough 6, Nantwich 3 Flixton 1; Newcastle 1 Darwen 3; Penrith 1 Bacup 0, Skelmersdale 0 Chadderton 1, St Helens 2 Kidsgrove 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Armthorpe 0 Glasshoughton 1, Ashfield 4 Pickering 3, Brigg 1 Lincoln 3, Denaby 2 Ossett A 3, Hucknall 1 Stocksbridge P S 0; N Ferriby 6 Liversedge 1; Ossett T 1 Winterton 0, Pontefract Col 1 Maltby MW 4, Thackley 1 Belper 0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First division Arsenal 3 Gillingham 1; Charlton 2 Ipswich 3; Leyton O 0 Chelsea 1; Millwall 4 Cambridge U 2, Norwich 4 Southend 2; Portsmouth 1 Fulham 2. Tottenham 1 Watford 0; West Ham 1 QPR 6

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 4 HAMILTON (0) 0
Kirkwood 54 Davenport 75, 87 Lawrence 83; 2,100

BRECHIN (0) 1 DUNFRMLNE (0) 0
Millar 81 (pen); 1,050

CLYDE (0) 0 AYR (1) 1
700; Bryce 44

DUMBARTON (2) 2 CLYDEBANK (2) 4
Gibson 10 Meechan 26; McIntosh 19 Boyd (og) 23 Jack 66 Eadie 73; 1,597

FALKIRK (1) 2 STIRLING (0) 0
Duffy 13 Cadette 54; 4,186

ST MIRREN (1) 2 MORTON (0) 2
Lavety 41 McWhirter 87; Donnaghy 50 Doak 62; 4,000

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Falkirk	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	5	1	6
2 Airdrie	3	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
3 Clydebank	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	2	6
4 Ayr	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	4
5 Hamilton	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5	3
6 Dumbarton	3	1	0	1	5	4	0	0	1	0	2	2
7 Stirling	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	2
8 Brechin	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	2
9 St Mirren	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
10 Clyde	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	2
11 Morton	3	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	3	4	1
12 Dunfermline	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Davenport (Airdrie), Duffy (Falkirk).

Second division

ALBION (1) 2 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Kerrigan 41, 59; 311

ALLOA (0) 0 EAST STIRLING (0) 0
415

ARBROATH (0) 1 FORFAR (0) 1
Martin 85; Donaldson 61; 1,034

COWDNBTH (1) 1 EAST FIFE (1) 2
Henderson 44; Scott 12 Reilly 71; 891

MEADWBNK (1) 1 BERWICK (1) 1
Price 44; Coughlin 37; 300

MONTROSE (0) 2 STENHSEMUIR (0) 0
Grant 45 McKenna 74; 539

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0 STRANRAER (1) 1
1,650; Henderson 22

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 East Fife	3	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	3	1	6
2 Forfar	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	4	1	5
3 Montrose	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	5
4 Queen Of Sth	3	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	0	5	2	4
5 Stranraer	3	0	0	1	2	4	2	0	0	4	1	4
6 Alloa	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
7 Meadowbank	3	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	3
8 East Stirling	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	3	3
9 Cowdenbeath	3	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	2
10 Arbroath	3	0	1	1	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	2
11 Stenhsemuir	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	5	2
12 Albion	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	2
13 Berwick	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
14 Queen's Park	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	2	7	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Grant (Montrose), Henderson (Cowdenbth), Henderson (Stranraer).

BELGIUM: Cercle Brugge 2 Antwerp 4, Ostend 2 Club Brugge 2; Ghent 2 Waregem 2; Ekeren 0 Beveren 0; St Liege 0 RWD Molenbeek 1; Lierse 3 Genk 1, Lommel 0 Seraing 3; Anderlecht 6 RC Liege 0; Charleroi 1 Mechelen 0

GERMANY: B Moenchengladbach 2 Nuremberg 0; B Dortmund 3 Freiburg 2; Duisburg 2 VfB Stuttgart 2; E Frankfurt 1 Kaiserslautern 0; Hamburg 4 Schalke 1. Wattenscheid 1 B Leverkusen 2; Cologne 2 Karlsruhe 1.

HOLLAND: Roda JC Kerkrade 2 FC Volendam 0, Sp Rotterdam 1 Willem II Tilburg 0, RKC Waalwijk 1 FC Twente Enschede 3, FC Utrecht 1 Amsterdam Ajax 4, PSV Eindhoven 3 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0, C Leeuwarden 1 NAC Breda 3

ITALY: Super Cup: Inter Milan 1 Torino 0

PORTUGAL: Sporting 2 Salgueiros 1.

SWITZERLAND: Kriens 1 Neuchatel Xamax 1, Servette 1 Grasshopper 3, Sion 3 Lucerne 0; Yng Boys 3 Lugano 0; Yverdon 0 Lausanne 1, FC Zurich 3 Aarau 1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1½	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
3	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	3	3	1½	1½	1½

41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	61	52	53	54	65	56	57	58
2½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2	3	1½

[illegible] dividends will be cancelled

Fanelli escapes serious injury in crash

FROM PETER BRYAN
IN HAMAR, NORWAY

A CRASH at high speed in cycling's fastest race, behind motorcycles making the pace, overshadowed the closing day of competition at the world track championships here yesterday.

Antonio Fanelli, of Italy, was following his pacer, Walter Corradin, at 50mph in the first of two final 30km races when the 400cc motorcycle went too high on the banking.

The pacer appeared to misjudge his position and a roller fitted on the machine to prevent the rider crashing should he hit it scraped the fence surrounding the track. The impact threw off Corradin and Fanelli was unable to avoid man and machine, somersaulting along the track with his feet still strapped to the pedals.

Both rider and pacer escaped serious injury; Fanelli's clothing was in shreds and he suffered burns and lacerations to much of his body. Corradin was protected by the leather suit obligatory for pacers.

The final was halted for an hour while carpenters replaced small sections of the track. Once officials declared the track safe, the final was rerun and Fanelli and Corradin received an ovation as they went to the starting line.

The crash was the last of a series in this 100th running of the championships in which amateurs and professionals have raced against each other for the first time.

The most serious incident happened on Saturday, near the end of the keirin final, an event in which riders are paced by a small motor cycle for the opening five laps before being left to fight out the sprint.

The holder, Michael Hübner, of Germany, and Erik Schoefs, of Belgium, collided before falling heavily. Both suffered broken collar-bones and Hübner bad abrasions. The race was won by Gary Neiwand, of Australia, who the previous day had taken Hübner's sprint title.

☐ Chris Lillywhite and Malcolm Elliott will lead Britain's challenge in the world professional road race championship in Norway on August 29.

BRITISH TEAM: G Coltman (Raleigh, Leicester), A Doyle (Nelson-Tivoli, Lighweaer, Surrey), M Elliott (Chevrolet-LA Sheriff, Sheffield), C Lillywhite (Banana, Walton-on-Thames), R Millar (TVM, Glasgow), B Smith (Banana, Glasgow), J Tanner (Nelson-Tivoli, Sheffield).

Triumphs must not silence alarm bells

MIKE POWELL/ALLSPORT



Regis, one of Britain's standard-bearers at the world athletics championships in Stuttgart with medals in the 200 metres and 4 x 100 metres



David Miller believes the British athletics authorities must change tack in order to build for the future

The spectacular success of the fourth world championships, including the brilliance of Christie, Gunnell and Jackson, has helped camouflage the sizeable, and different, dilemmas confronting the immediate and long-term future of athletics. The triumphs of the past week are no more the guarantee of a future generation of British sprint medal-winners than were Coe, Ovett and Cram of another phase of middle-distance stars.

The problems are two-fold, financial and physical, and the first predominantly creates the second. A statement this week by Don Quarrie, the former Olympic champion from Trinidad, on behalf of the International Association of Athletes' Representatives, confirmed that the power-struggle for prize-money for the 1995 championships in Gothenburg will intensify. And as prize-money rises, so do injuries.

Moreover, unless the world championship situation is resolved, the conflagration will damagingly spread to the Olympic Games. Uncomfortable times lie ahead.

The lessons from Stuttgart are as clear afterwards as were the alarms beforehand. Britain may have had its best medal haul in equal fourth, but in the background have been such as Grindley, Black and Backley breaking down in what Frank Dick, the chief national coach, terms the "package of stress". The future is dependent, Dick warns, on the minefield of competitive opportunity not compromising performance development.

A biennial championships may for the moment have appeared worthwhile, but the workload — or pay incentive — for competitors is less than advantageous for performance; witness the relative decline in former Olympic champions such as Quincy Watts, William Tanui, Dieter Baumann, Mike Marsh and Khalid Skah.

The threat is uniform for European countries in particular. The coaches of Germany and Italy, normally strong athletic countries, have been unanimous: unless the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and European Association tackle and rationalise the problem of over-competing, many countries with limited numbers of competitors will not be able to produce worthy teams at major championships.

Only those with large populations, such as the United States and China, will collectively survive the stresses being placed upon individuals. It will become the same, Dick forecasts, with China's middle and long-distance runners.

The calendar schedule, unlikely to be reduced by the IAAF because of a combination of greed and need — and its new ability to fund the participation of minor countries — remains beyond the athletes' influence. They have to decide two things: whether they want to be good, whether they want to be rich, and in which order. If they make the second of these the priority, they may fail in the first. Or both. They must pursue performance before money.

To be successful will almost certainly produce the money, and these championships have demonstrated to the British Athletics Federation, I hope beyond doubt, what its forerunner, the British Board, was so often reluctant to concede: that elite performers need elite treatment.

The responsibility for the production line has now, critically, passed from Andy Norman, the chief promotions officer, to Dick and it will be important that Dick utilises the scope now given to him.

Norman did indeed have too much work and, of a kind, power; the power to determine who did and did not receive the right overseas competition. The debate, never mind Norman's uncanny judgement of ability over 20 years, was whether he was always dispassionately projecting the right athletes. Dick, if anyone, should have that dispassionate ability, though none can deny the colossal contribution by Norman, who is now free to concentrate on generating the money and the events.

"The medals we have won are a reflection of being able to send athletes for warm winter training, and with the right coaches," Dick says. "We have to be able to make that happen. We've done well this time, but we would do better if we looked after the elite performers even better. That may mean financial compensation for *not* chasing competitive income in order to get the right preparatory schedule. It's time we had a policy."

If Britain does not sustain similar success as this week at the top, the sport will not produce the finance to support the development of the next generation, which includes eight gold medal-winners in the recent European Junior championships. Dick is therefore devising an elite coaches' workshop, meeting every two months to pool research and ideas.

GRAY MORTIMORE/ALLSPORT



Gunnell, who struck gold in the 400 metres hurdles

Australia restore order to balance of power

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE eclipse of the world order in rugby union, threatened when South Africa won the first of their three internationals with Australia last month, finally came to nothing in the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday. The Australians won the third international 19-12 and — for only the second time in 60 years — the series 2-1 against a South African team which now, though, knows far more about itself and its future.

Their tour has thrown up some intriguing questions about the laws for which Australian administrators have expressed such enthusiasm. How is it, for example, that as inventive a team as the Wallabies could dominate the second half of Saturday's match yet score only one try against two by the South Africans who, over the series, scored seven tries to four?

Admittedly, Tim Horan's try was a classic but, even so, it took the vision and skill of David Campese's floated midfield pass to make it happen and no other team possesses a Campese. Moreover, in the dying stages of a match where Australia took control of lineout and loose ball, South Africa might have run in a try (which, with the conversion, would have forced a draw) but for a stupid obstruction by James Small on Campese which conceded a penalty.

The South African coach, Ian McIntosh, has clearly worked hard on his side's defence and the overall pace of his forwards; more fine tuning will take place when the South Africans play Argentina this autumn and England, who tour South Africa next May, will be the first to examine the results.

If Australia had a shaky start to their international year — defeat in the Bledisloe Cup match in Dunedin and against South Africa — it must be remembered that they were without three players of proven world class: Michael Lynagh, John Eales and Willie Ofahengaue. How many other countries could lose players of such stature and not wobble?

Nick Farr-Jones has nursed a youngster of undoubted potential, Scott Bowen, into international rugby and more will surely be seen of him when the Australians arrive in France in October.

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LEGAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 351 WEST END LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND and its buildings, easements, attachments, fixtures, appurtenances and improvements, Defendant. — Case No. C 93-1600-WHO — NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of May, 1993, the defendant real property was arrested on behalf of the United States Marshals Service for the Northern District of California, pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest of Property in Rem issued by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, in the above entitled suit for forfeiture, brought under the provisions of 21 U.S.C 5881

A Government forfeiture complaint has been filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The case number of the said action is C 93-1600-WHO.

All persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the real property are hereby notified to file a claim within ten (10) days of this notice and to file an answer to the complaint within twenty (20) days thereafter, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 16th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 and serve a copy of the claim and/or answer upon the United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Jonathan R. Howden, Assistant United States Attorney, 10th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, in order to show cause, if any there be, why the defendant real property should not be decreed against and forfeited to the United States, and that all right, title and interest be vested in the United States of America

Dated: June 3, 1993

JOHN A. MENDEZ
United States Attorney
JONATHAN R. HOWDEN
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: R & S INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 7th September 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 3rd September 1993.

Dated this 19th day of August 1993.
A C CAUSTON, Director.

Notice of Administration Order ANGLOPAC PLASTICS LIMITED
An Administration order was made on 17.8.1993, T J Brannigan (Administrator)

COLESLAW 195 LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company held at 10am on 17th August 1993 a Special Resolution was duly passed authorising a payment of £8,282.57 out of the Company's capital as defined in Sections 170 to 172 of the Companies Act 1985 for the purchase by the Company of 22,500 11% 'B' Preference Shares of £1 each from N.A. Clarke for the aggregate price of £8,282.57.

The amount of the Permissable capital payment as defined in Sections 170 to 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £8,282.57.

The statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Sections 173 to 174 of the Companies Act 1985, both dated 17th August 1993, are available at the Company's registered office at Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX.

Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 to 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within a period of 5 weeks immediately following 17th August 1993 for an order prohibiting the payment

Dated 19th August 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

Mount Banking Corporation Limited (In Administration)
NOTICE TO ALL DEPOSITORS WHO HOLD ACCOUNTS AT MOUNT BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) ("MOUNT")

The Administrators in their capacity as such and as Supervisors hereby give notice that at the meetings of all creditors and shareholders of Mount held on 9 August 1993 the proposal for a company voluntary arrangement ("CVA") was formally approved without modification

In order to enable the Supervisors to make distributions in accordance with the terms of the CVA you are required to submit details of your claim against Mount and to make an election either to receive any distribution in cash or to leave the distribution as a continuing deposit at Mount. If the distribution is left as a deposit at Mount the distribution will benefit from the security arrangements described in the CVA.

The security arrangements have been designed to ensure that depositors who elect to maintain their deposit at Mount are not put in a worse position than those who elect to receive any distribution in cash. This is to be achieved by Mount paying amounts equivalent to the distribution entitlement of those depositors who elect to maintain their deposit at Mount into separate bank accounts with one or more of the major United Kingdom clearing banks on the date of the relevant distribution. These deposits will be the subject of a security interest granted by Mount in favour of a security trustee who will hold the benefit of security for the benefit of those depositors who elect to leave the amount of the distribution as a continuing deposit at Mount. The security arrangements are governed by the provisions of the Security Trust Deed and the relevant Fixed Charge, copies of which are available for collection from Mount.

In order to lodge your claim and to make the election you must complete and return the Supervisors a Notice of Claim.

If you do not complete and return a Notice of Claim the amount of your claim will be deemed to be the amount inserted in the Notice of Claim by the Supervisors and you will be deemed to have no other claims against Mount whatsoever. You will also automatically be deemed to have elected that any distribution will be retained as a continuing deposit at Mount.

Any claim determined in accordance with the above shall be binding upon you notwithstanding the subsequent termination of the CVA.

Notices of Claim are available for collection from Mount, at 5 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 5AA, and should be completed and returned to the Supervisors by 6 September 1993. You are strongly urged to obtain and complete a Notice of Claim

Date: 17 August 1993
P W Wallace, one of the Supervisors under the CVA

VERBY PRINT FOR ADVERTISING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of Verby Print for Advertising Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ, on Thursday the 26th day of August 1993 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 99, 100 and 101.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 24th and 25th days of August 1993 at the offices of Begbie Nelson & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ.

Dated this 18th day of August 1993
By Order of the Board
MICHAEL VERBY, Director

ProTeam Developments Limited
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 27th September 1993, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Moores Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 16th August 1993
Jamie Taylor, Liquidator.

Colourbox Graphics Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF on 31st August 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

Dated 20 August 1993
By Order of the Board
DAVID HUNT, Director

IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE
NO 008999 OF 1992
Notice of appointment of liquidator
Compulsory winding up
Pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2277244.
Company Name: The Swiftwater Group Limited.
Nature of business: Electronic engineering. Address of registered office: 65 High Street Crawley West Sussex RH10 1BQ.
Type of Liquidation: Compulsory.
Liquidator: D L Morgan 65 High Street Crawley West Sussex
Office holder no: 2362. Date of appointment: 20 January 1993.
Date: 13 August 1993.

Proteam Developments Ltd
AND The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 13th August 1993
Mark Antrian Johnson
Andrew Robert Selby, Directors.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of West Central, Hampstead Magistrates' Court, The Court House, 66 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London NW3.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Hampstead Police Station, 26½ Rosslyn Hill, London NW3.
TO the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1
TO the Chief Officer L.F.C.D.A., 5/6 City Forum, City Road, London EC1V 2NY.

I, IAN STRUTTON now residing at 3 Penpath Place, Wembley, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Managing Director, do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said District to be held at First Floor, 185 Marylebone Road, London N.W.1. on the 7th day of September 1993 for the grant to me of a Justices' Licence authorising me to sell by Wholesale, wine liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises situate at Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, London N.W.3, and to be known by the sign of THE BREWHOUSE RESTAURANT of which premises English Heritage is the owner.

And it is my intention to apply to the Justices to insert in such Justices' Licence the conditions required for it to be granted as a Restaurant Licence.

DATED the 23rd day of July 1993
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD.
Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant.

RESULTS FROM STUTTGART

Men

1,500 metres

Final

1, N Morceli (Alg), 3:34.24; 2, F Cacho (Sp), 3:35.56; 3, A Bile (Somalia), 3:35.86; 4, M Suleiman (Qatar), 3:36.87; 5, J Spivey (US), 3:37.42; 6, M Yates (GB), 3:37.81; 7, R El Basir (Mor), 3:37.88; 8, M Taki (Mor), 3:37.76, 9, S Doyle (Aus), 3:38.04; 10, R Stenzel (Ger), 3:38.66; 11, M Pancorbo (Sp), 3:39.68; 12, G Di Napoli (It), 3:47.38.

10,000 metres

Final

1, H Gebrselasie (Eth), 27min 46.02sec; 2, M Tanui (Ken), 27:46.54; 3, R Chelimo (Ken), 28:08.02; 4, S Franks (Ger), 28:10.69; 5, A Nzigama (Burundi), 28:13.43, 6, F Panetta (It), 28:27.05, 7, T Williams (US), 28:30.49; 8, A Sito (Arg), 28:36.48; 9, G Silva (Mex), 28:39.47; 10, W Sigei (Ken), 28:54.39; 11, A Serrano (Sp), 29:04.10; 12, S Antibo (It), 29:10.83; 13, B Akonnay (Tan), 29.15.13; 14, A Quintanilla (Mex), 29:32.14, 15, T Hayashima (Jpn), 29:46.70; 16, J Carlos Arden (Sp), 30:04.34; 17, D Nelson (US), 30:41.72. Did not finish: R Vera (Ecu); F Bayessa (Eth); O Strizhakov (Russ).

3,000 metres steeplechase

Final

1, M Kiptanui (Ken), 8:05.36; 2, P Sang (Ken), 8:07.53; 3, A Lambruschini (It), 8:08.78; 4, M Birir (Ken), 8:09.42; 5, M Croghan (US), 8:09.76; 6, S Brand (Ger), 8:15.33, 7, L Khattabi (Mor), 8:17.86; 8, A Carosi (It), 8:23.42; 9, S Creighton (Aus), 8:23.45, 10, M Buchleitner (Austria), 8:25.88, 11, M Davis (US), 8:28.74; 12, R Vera (Uru), 8:29.00; 13, A Sahere (Mor), 8:29.65; 14, M Strega (Ger), 8:34.31; 15, T Hanlon (GB), 8:45.82. Did not finish: A Brahmi (Alg).

4 x 100 metres relay

First round

First three in each heat plus overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

HEAT ONE: 1, Ivory Coast, 38.77sec; 2, Great Britain, 38.80; 3, Sweden, 39.32; 4, Japan, 39.40; 5, Switzerland, 39.48 6, New Zealand, 39.77

HEAT TWO: 1, Canada, 38.86; 2, France, 38.94; 3, Ghana, 39.01; 4, Spain, 39.44; 5, Trinidad and Tobago, 40.24. Disqualified: Russia.

HEAT THREE: 1, United States, 38.12; 2, Australia, 39.04, 3, Greece, 39.91; 4, Sierra Leone, 40.98; 5, Netherlands Antilles, 42.20. Did not start: Senegal Jamaica.

HEAT FOUR: 1, Cuba, 38.66; 2, Germany, 38.90; 3, Italy, 39.37; 4, Mexico, 39.79; 5, Thailand, 40.12; 6, Barbados, 40.24.

Semi-finals

First four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, United States, 37.40 (equals world record); 2, Canada, 37.99; 3, Great Britain, 38.05; 4, Australia 38.46, 5, Ghana, 38.61; 6, Greece, 39.00; 7, Japan, 39.01; 8, New Zealand, 39.83.

HEAT TWO: 1, France, 38.52; 2, Germany, 38.59, 3, Cuba, 38 73; 4, Sweden, 38.96; 5, Ivory Coast, 38.97; 6, Spain, 39.17; 7, Switzerland, 40.39. Disqualified: Italy.

Final

1, United States, (J Drummond, A Cason, D Mitchell, L Burrell), 37.48; 2, Great Britain, (C Jackson, T Jarrett, J Regis, L Christie), 37.77, 3, Canada, (R Esmie, G Gilbert, B Surin, A Mahorn), 37.83; 4, Cuba, 38.39, 5, Australia, 38.86; 6, Germany, 38.78; 7, Ivory Coast, 38.82; 8, Sweden, 39.22.

4 x 400 metres relay

Heats

First two in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, Germany, 3:01.28, 2, Bulgaria, 3:01.61; 3, Jamaica, 3:01 70; 4, Great Britain, 3:02.15; 5, New Zealand, 3:05.84; 6, Thailand, 3:08.61.

HEAT TWO: 1, United States, 2:58.72; 2, France, 3:01 70; 3, Japan, 3:02.43; 4, Algeria, 3:03.63; 5, Mexico, 3:08.37. Did not start: Trinidad and Tobago.

HEAT THREE: 1, Kenya, 3:00 82; 2, Cuba, 3:01.36, 3, Russia, 3.01.51; 4, Italy, 3:01.85; 5, Nigeria, 3:02.84. Did not start: Uganda.

Final

1, United States (A Valmon, O Watts, B Reynolds, M Johnson), 2:54.29 (world record), 2, Kenya (K Ochieng, S Kembol, A Matitu, S Kiur), 2:59.82; 3, Gemany (R Lieder, K Just, O Hense, T Schonlebe), 2:59.99; 4, France, 3:00.09; 5, Russia, 3:00.44; 6, Cuba, 3:00.48; 7, Jamaica, 3:01.44; 8, Bulgoria, 3:05.35.

50 kilometres walk

1, J A Garcia (Sp), 3hr 41min 41sec; 2, V Kononen (Fin), 3:42.02; 3, V Solsyn (Russ), 3:42.50; 4, A Noack (Ger), 3:43 50; 5, B Labrador (Sp), 3:46.46; 6, R Piller (Fr), 3 48.57; 7, T Berrett (Can), 3:50.23, 8, C Mercenario (Mex), 3:50.53; 9, J-C Corre (Fr), 3:51 51; 10, S Korepanov (Kaz), 3:52 50; 11, V Ginko (Belarus), 3:53 41; 12, G Sanchez (Mex), 3.54.07; 13, G Perricelli (It), 3.54.30, 14, S Belas (Aus), 3 57.11; 15, M Quiriconi (It), 3:57.33; 16, V Smirnov (Russ), 3:58.20; 17, A Marin (Sp), 3:58 45; 18, S Malik (Slo), 4:01.26; 19, J Matthews (US), 4:02.52, 20, F Imamura (Jpn), 4:03.22. GB placing: 23, L Morton, 4:06.56

High jump

Final

1, J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.40m; 2, A Partyka (Pol), 2.37; 3, S Smith (GB), 2.37; 4, R Sonn (Ger), 2.34; 5, T Kemp (Bah), 2.34; 6, H Conway (US), 2.34; 7, A Ortiz (Sp), 2.31; 8, T Barton (US), 2.31; 9, T Forsyth (Aus), 2.28; 10, O Zhukovsky (Belarus), 2.28; 11, JC Gloquet (Fr), 2.25 and R Ruffini (Sle), 2.25.

Shot

Final

1, W Guenthoer (Switz), 21.97m; 2, R Barnes (US), 21.80; 3, M Stulca (US), 20.94; 4, A Bergach (Ukr), 20.40, 5, Y Palchitkov (Russ), 20.05; 6, D Peric (Yugo), 19.85; 7, G Well (Chile), 19 95, 8, S Budar (Ger), 19.74; 9, J Reinhardt (Ger), 19 53; 10, K Toth (US), 19.52; 11, K Larsson (Swe), 19.12, 12, M Martinez (Sp), 18.03

Women

1,500 metres

Final

1, Liu Dong (China) 4min 00.50sec; 2, S O'Sullivan (Ire), 4:03.46; 3, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:04.29; 4, Lu Yi (China), 4:06.06, 5, A Chalmers (Can), 4:07.95, 6, T Kest (Austria), 4:08.04; 7, A Brzezinska (Pol), 4:08.11; 8, F Trabaldo (It), 4:09.23; 9, V Beckes (Rom), 4:08 57; 10, Yan Wei (China), 4.09.05; 11, C Sacramento (Por), 4:09.15, 12, M Zuniga (Sp), 4:10.75; 13, L Rogachova (Russ), 4.12.14, 14, L Pels (Can), 4:13 87, 15, O Mernikova (Belarus), 4:18.93.

10,000 metres

Final

1, Wang Junxia (China), 30min 49.30sec; 2, Zhong Huandi (China), 31:12.55; 3, S Barsosio (Ken), 31:15.38; 4, T Lorupe (Ken), 31:29.91; 5, L Jennings (US), 31:30.53; 6, C Ferreira (Por), 31:30.60, 7, A Dias (Por), 31.33.03; 8, A Marie Letko (US), 31:37.26, 9, U Pippig (Ger), 31:38.97; 10, F Ribeiro (Por), 31:40.51; 11, C De Oliveira (Br), 31:47.76, 12, M Guida (It), 32:15.34; 13, K Wessel (Ger), 32:27.38; 14, O Appell (Mex), 32:32 51, 15, N Yoshida (Jpn), 32:35.44; 16, I Nagura (Rom), 32:40.61; 17, I Maki (Jpn), 32:53.41; 18, R Murcia (Fr), 32:54 65; 19, S Ciric (Yugo), 33:26 72; 20, I Juarez (Mex), 33:28 47; 21, E Van Blunk (US), 33:42.85; 22, G Karlshoj (Den), 33:58.58 Did not finish: C McKiernan (Ire), P Tilden an (Fin), E Meyer (SA).

4 x 100 metres relay

First round

First three in each heat plus overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

HEAT ONE: 1, Ivory Coast, 39.77secs; 2, Great Britain, 39.80; 3, Sweden, 39.32; 4, Japan 39.40; 5, Switzerland, 39.46; 6, New Zealand, 39.77.

HEAT TWO: 1, Canada, 38.86; 2, France, 38.94; 3, Ghana, 39.01; 4, Spain, 39.44; 5, Trinidad and Tobago, 40.24. Disqualified: Russia.

HEAT THREE: 1, United States, 38 12; 2, Australia,39.04; 3, Greece, 39.91; 4, Sierra Leone, 40.98; 5, Netherlands Antilles, 42.20.

HEAT FOUR: 1, Cuba, 38.66; 2, Germany, 38.90; 3, Italy,39 37; 4, Mexico, 39.79; 5, Thailand, 40.12; 6, Barbados, 40.24.

Semi-finals

First three in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, United States, 42.34, 2, Jamaica, 42.40; 3, Germany, 42.61, 4, Finland, 43.83, 5, Tawian, 44.59; 6, Thailand, 44.85.

HEAT TWO: 1, Russia, 42.39, 2, Cuba, 43.48; 3, Great Britain, 43.65, 4, Canada, 44.36. Disqualified: France.

Final

1, Russia (O Bogoslovskaya, G Melchugina, N Vorconkva, I Privalova), 41.49; 2, United States, (M Finn, G Torrence, W Vereen, G Davara), 41.49, 3, Jamaica, (M Freeman, J Campbell, N Mitchell, M Otley), 41.96; 4, France, 42.67, 5, Germany, 42 78; 6, Cuba, 42.89; 7, Finland, 43 37, 8, Great Britain, (Richardson, Kinch, Jacobs, Thomas) 43.86.

4 x 400 metres relay

Heats

First three in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, Jamaica, 3.23.82; 2, Russia, 3:24 67; 3, Czech Republic, 3.29.25; 4, Switzerland, 3:29 67, 5, Ukraine, 3:30.37 Did not finish: Cuba. Did not start: Canada.

HEAT TWO: 1, United States, 3:24 08; 2, Great Britain, 3:27.04, 3, Germany, 3:27 44; 4, France, 3:28 62; 5, Nigeria, 3.33.12; 6, Portugal, 3:34.76, 7, Spain, 3:38.61.

Final

1, United States (G Torrence, M Malone, N Kaiser-Brown, J Miles) 3 16.71; 2, Russia (Y Ruzina, T Alekseyeva, M Ponomaryova, I Privalova), 3:18.38; 3, Great Britain (L Keough, P Smith, T Goddard, S Gunnell), 3:23.42; 4, Jamaica, 3:23 83; 5, Germany, 3.25.48, 6, France, 3.27.06, 7, Czech Republic, 3.27.94, 8, Switzerland, 3:28.52.

High jump

Final

1, I Quintero (Cuba), 1.99m, 2, S Costa (Cuba), 1.97, 3, S Kirchmann (Austria), 1.97; 4 Y Rodina (Russ), 1.94 and G Astafei (Rom), 1.94; 6, A Bevilacqua (It), 1.94; 7, T Hughes (US), 1.91, 8, V Golovska (Lat), 1.91; 9 K Majchbrzak (Pol), 1.88 and H Haugland (Nor), 1.88; 11 S Zalevskaya (Kazi, 1.88, Y Topchina (Russ), 1.88 and B Bilac (Slo), 1.88. Did not start: H Henkel (Ger)

Triple jump

Final

1, A Biryukova (Russ), 15.09m (world record); 2, Y Chen (Russ), 14 70; 3, I Prondzheva (Bul), 14.23; 4, N Monzubo (Cuba), 14.22, 5, H Reddie (Ger), 14.19; 6, A Capnotti (It), 14.18; 7, S Kasparkova (Cz Rep), 14.16; 8, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 13 80; 9, M Griffith (GB), 13 69; 10, J Blazevica (Lat), 13 57, 11, L Nihova (Austria), 13.30, 12, M Toth (Rom), 12.87 No mark recorded: I Lasovskaya (Russ).

Javelin

Qualifying

62.00 metres or best twelve qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, T Hatlestad (Nor), 68 52m; 2, T Shikolenko (Belarus), 63 22, 3, F Tilea (Rom), 62 90; 4, H Rantanen (Fin), 60.56, 5, K Forkel (Ger), 60 54; 6, A Selenska (Bul), 58 74

Group two: 1, Y Ivakina (Russ), 62.90; 2, S Renk (Ger), 62.88, 3, N Shikolenko (Belarus), 62.06, 4, T Nekrosaite (Lith), 61 02; 5, C Isaila (Rom), 59.88; 6, S Nerius (Ger), 59.68

Final

1, T Hatlestad (Nor), 69.18, 2, K Forkel (Ger), 65 80; 3, N Shikolenko (Belarus), 65.84, 4, T Shikolenko (Belarus), 65.18; 5, Y Ivakina (Russ), 65 12; 6, S Renk (Ger), 64.00; 7, C Isaila (Rom), 61.54; 8, F Tilea (Rom), 61 24; 9, S Nerius (Ger) 60 26, 10, A Selenska (Bul) 58 82; 11, H Rantanen (Fin) 53.14. No mark recorded: T. Nekrosaite (Lith).

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Dramatic lessons in brevity

THEATRE: Fringe shows prove the value of concision, says **Benedict Nightingale**

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

On bad days you might think that the Edinburgh Festival was the Fringe, and the Fringe was a vast, all-consuming sprawl consisting almost entirely of psychotic comedians, one-person plays about famous actors and actresses, and go-getting young companies with their eyes on fame and fortune in London. But even on bad days you would have to make one concession. With some punters wanting to pack six, seven, eight visits to the theatre into a single day, and the theatres responding with a frantic turnover of offerings, plays seldom last more than 90 minutes. Succinctness and brevity are forgotten virtues, and the place our playwrights are relearning them is, maybe, the Fringe.

Take almost everything I have seen there this year. Take, for instance, Arthur Smith's **Sod** (at the Pleasance), which achieves more in 75 minutes than some plays do in 150. Even the title manages simultaneously to be curt and suggestive — though quite what it is suggesting is not obvious in advance. Is this an environmentally caring piece about the soil? Is it a one-man show in which the Marquess of Queensberry pithily denounces Oscar Wilde? Or could it be a comedy about Murphy's first cousin, Sod — the chap with the law about everything going wrong?

None of those quite. It involves a remarkably unremarkable man — "if he isn't there, you can't remember if he has a moustache or not" — who responds to a neglectful world by withdrawing into his personalised oubliette. Frank Bagley digs a hole in his lawn, and goes to live inside, breathing through a pipe. The result is teasing and often very funny, rather as if a Beckett character had set up ontological shop in Mike Leigh's suburbia.

Every member of Nigel Cole's fine cast has his or her explanation of this conduct. Frank is an aspiring saddhu, a sage in search of perfect stillness. He is an adventurous soul trying to break the Guinness buried-alive record. He is a lovable English eccentric, and "an old nutter". The situation allows Smith to bring on the curious and the pushy, neighbours and relatives, down to Frank's nine-year-old son, a hilarious portrait of callow bravado. I liked the piece more than Smith's *Evening with Gary Lineker*; and because of its greater sharpness and wit, not just because it is over in a relative twinkling.

Meanwhile, the three genial Yanks who call themselves the *Reduced Shakespeare Company* are at the Assembly Rooms, poking as much fun at their native country as they did at the Bard. After their *Complete Works of W.S. (Abridged)* comes **The Complete History of America (Abridged)**, in which the targets include Ronald Reagan, political correctness, Indian culture (the Dance of the Antelope's Intestines), witch-hunts, Dwems, gangster movies, cowboys, the Founding Fathers (complete with Bill of Wrongs, such as not leaving lavatory seats up after urinating), patriotism, conspiracy theorists and cults: "Did you know there's a group of dyslexic devil-worshippers in the Adirondacks who have sold their souls to Satan?"

They have their silly-ass moments, but I found myself enjoying even those more than some of the earnest offerings to be found elsewhere. At any rate, the adaptation of **Death in Venice** which Red Shift has brought to the Assembly Rooms left me colder than the version of Virginia Woolf's *Orlando* the same company gave the Fringe last year, even though Jonathan Holloway's production has similar simplicity and flow. Maybe my problem was too strong a memory of Dirk Bogarde serenely giving up the ghost as the angelic Tadzio frolicked in the sea. Michael Sheldon, Red Shift's Aschenbach, has a flummoxed, jumpy quality in some ways nearer the writer Thomas Mann actually created; but he might be appearing in Death in Potters Bar, given the degree of the longing and the depth of the rapture he exudes.

A somewhat similar reductionism marks Paul McVeigh's **Man from the North** (Hill Street), which Scarecrow Theatre has brought from Belfast. The inspiration is Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*, in which a boy who falsely claims to have killed his father is lionised by the villagers with whom he finds refuge. To transform him into a failed IRA man is fair enough — but where is the high excitement, the erotic glee his deeds provoke in the original? With that missing, and contemporary verbal plod replacing Synge's peasant poetry, the play seems conventional as well as downbeat.

Still, Gwyneth Powell's performance in **The Provincial Lady Goes To Town** (Assembly Rooms) restores the spirits. Adapted by the actress herself from the novels of E.M. Delafield, this is a one-woman play about a 1930s writer pulled one way by the demands of domesticity, the other by a burgeoning career. It stutters slightly when London literati are the subject, but, when Powell is back in her village with her monosyllabic husband and patronising neighbours, it is touching and funny. Oh yes, and short too.

TOM KIDD



Arthur Smith's short play, Sod, at the Pleasance is teasing and often very funny, rather as if a Beckett character had set up ontological shop in Mike Leigh's suburbia

TELEVISION REVIEW

Norman's wit and wisdom

Most **South Bank Shows** eschew the expert commentator: the formula is celebrity interview (Melvyn Bragg) with supporting footage, and that's that. So it was quite startling in Nigel Watts's interesting profile of Norman Wisdom last night (ITV) suddenly to witness a bespectacled film historian analysing Wisdom's famous music hall persona (the upturned cloth cap, the tight jacket buttoned just below the chin), known to his fans as "the Gump". The Gump "regularly failed to recognise class authority", this historian pointed out; also there were many hilarious (!) scenes in his films when the Gump naively misunderstood a set of instructions.

Such insights were useful enough, especially when illustrated by clips from such Rank Fifties favourites as *Trouble in Store* and *The Bulldog Breed*: but they omitted the main thing that was staring you in the face. The Gump was not a "berk", as Wisdom said: the Gump (even the name makes you think of Dickens) was a poor little orfling in a charity suit he's grown out of. No, the expert required by the *South Bank Show* was not a film historian, it was Anthony Clare.

It was an enjoyable and surprising programme, nevertheless. With Wisdom's brand of comedy currently as unfashionable as his day-wear, one had forgotten how brilliant a clown he was. That the ability to rumble head-first down a staircase with your foot wedged in a bucket is no longer a requirement of the comedic art, doesn't mean it's not spectacularly impressive. But the main interview. Just like the Gump. Wisdom hovered between stricken tears and expansive (but mirthless) laughter; just like the Gump he wanted to win your heart by every means at his disposal.

The German psychoanalyst Alice Miller would have loved it. In her book *The Untouched Key* she describes how Buster Keaton not only took batterings from his parents but later declared, "My parents were my first bit of good luck." Admittedly Miller has no sense of humour, but you couldn't help but share her moral horror when Wisdom, describing how his own father chucked him across the room so that he hit the ceiling, said, "It didn't hurt me. Maybe it did me the world of good. I learned how to fall." And he was right, in a way. He had drawn on the abandoned powerless child for the rest of his professional life.

For the best scene, Wisdom dressed up in his Gump suit (he's had 34 identical suits made since 1948) and in a large deserted theatre demonstrated his method of walking on stage to tumultuous applause. He entered boldly, and then stopped and backed away. "They applaud, you act as though you're frightened, you didn't expect applause like that. But they're lovely, and you say hello." He edged towards the footlights. "You point to people," (he indicates different parts of the house, getting excited); "I like you, you're saying." (he makes fists with his hands and punches the air, exhilarated); "You tell 'em you love 'em" (applause deafens). He turned away. "And then you got 'em."

Stars can still shine

VARIETY: an evening of Fifties nostalgia may be fun, but is it art?

TOM KIDD



The Tiller Girls do the cancan in high heels and firm grins, topped with a quivering fountain of blue feathers

Entitled **Scottish Variety: The Fabulous Fifties**, this show at the King's Theatre revives a medley of the comedy and musical acts that were hugely popular in previous decades. Many, though not all, are performed by the original stars, now in their sixties or older.

Johnny Beattie is still as sharp as he was when he started in showbusiness in 1952, cracking one-liners about nightmare landladies and cheap lodgings where you had to check the bed for wildlife. But the show has everything from stand-up and sketches to trampolining and juggling. It all makes for an evening of enjoyable entertainment, though it is definitely a mixed bag in terms of quality. Some of the gags can look unsophisticated, and the glitz is undeniably tacky.

The Tiller Girls do the cancan sporting high-heeled silver sandals and superglued grins. Each is topped with a quivering fountain of blue feathers as if they have blow holes for brains. With their scanty swimsuit-affairs shimmering, they rotate in a long line demonstrating little foot flicks and the coordinated raising of knees. Is this human dressage or the beached version of synchronised swimming? Another routine has them marching about in furry busbies, regimental jackets and fishnets like grenadiers caught without their trousers.

Karen Hunter, the young Scots fiddler in the mini kilt, is far sexier, bobbing up and down, shuttling sideways and joyfully sawing away at high speed. Her musical virtuosity the audience with teeth enough for two people and a mildly crazed look in her eyes. It is like watching a singing Sue Ellen campaigning for president.

The black vocal group The Sounds of The Platters — including Herb Reed who was in the original group The Platters in the Fifties — are smoother customers. They just snap their fingers and sway leisurely at the hip. But their numbers are definitely swinging: the falsetto yodelling of "Only You" is absorbingly charged with feeling and immaculately executed right down to tiny punctuated intakes of breath.

The same cannot be said for Susan Maughan who had some chart hits in the Sixties. Dolled up in the kind of hideous glam evening dress you hoped only existed on *Dallas*, Maughan appears to be impersonating a snake with shoulder pads. She churns out

Brian McMaster's claim that this show deserves its place as part of his Edinburgh International Festival seems highly questionable. This is certainly not top calibre art. For me at least, a 1950s variety performance remains essentially a curiosity, a museum piece to an extent.

Still, the performers are delightfully full of life and the show obviously gave many of the audience an intensely pleasurable trip down memory lane. It is an evening of real warmth, and perhaps that is its main worth.

Visualising the music

DANCE: Mark Morris's second Edinburgh bill delights the fans

The fearsome array of guitars, double bass, mandolin, violin and microphones seemed to threaten ear-battering stuff. But in the event Michelle Shocked and Rob Wasserman did not shock us in the least. Their instrumental passages evoked white American folk music; while Shocked's three songs brought glimpses of rural America into the Meadowbank sports hall.

To this commissioned music, Mark Morris has choreographed *Home*. For the instrumental sections the American choreographer produces a horizontal line of foot-tapping dancers (himself included), torsos erect, arms hanging loose in an American variant on the Irish jig. It recurs like an exhilarating refrain, although part of his canniness is that the third time he alters it, transforming it into a bobbing group for the complete cast as a grand finale. For the songs he creates movements that weave in and out of the lyrics: never directly echoing them, but adding another layer or obliquely reflecting their mood.

This is also his approach for *Jesu, Meine Freude* to the Bach song cycle (performed by the Schola Cantorum). Limpid, lyrical shapes and lilting steps follow the score's eulogistic tone and gentle pulse. The opening looks particularly beautiful: two men back to back, their arms semaphoring identically away from each other so that it looks like only one figure with a mirror behind.

Unison movement for any number of people is a Morris characteristic but he also at times divides up his choreographic moments, with, say, one dancer matching the chords of the double bass while the others follow the singers. *Grand Duo* takes both those features even further, laying out across the stage vividly graphic groupings, sometimes in unison, sometimes contrapuntal. This is music visualisation par excellence; an extension in flesh and blood of Lou Harrison's composition (of the same name) for violin and piano.

What the movement needs, though, is an internal logic of its own, to give the piece an extra strand and richer resonance — which is perhaps why Morris elsewhere works so readily with vocal music, as a medium supplying that additional dimension.

The final section, Polka, which Morris brought to Edinburgh last year, remains simply stunning, however. A sweeping, cantering circle, feet pounding, hands slapping, arms shaking, squiggling and pumping, it raised a roar of approval from the packed audience.

NADINE MEISNER

MUSIC: idiomatic Falla from a Barcelona chamber orchestra

Vivid Spanish scenes

While it is easy to be wise after the event, it does seem extraordinary that when Manuel de Falla's gypsy-piece, *El amor brujo*, was first performed in Madrid, its worth was assessed by relating it to Grieg's *Peer Gynt*. The comparison seemed even more perverse after a hair-raisingly authentic flamenco performance.

Not that authenticity ever did much for Falla. In his passionately argued essays *On Music and Musicians*, he praises Debussy for presenting the *truth* rather than the authenticity within the music of Spain. On this basis alone, Falla would surely have been thrilled with this truly festive Usher Hall performance of the original version by the **Orquestra de Cambra Teatre Lliure** from Barcelona under its conductor, Josep Pons.

Ginesa Ortega, with Gypsy and Levantine blood coursing through her veins and her larynx, sang the chain of recitations, songs and dances other than the popular ballet. *The three-cornered hat*, in its recently rediscovered original form: this time, a tiny and wonderfully evanescent dumb show, swiftly and lightly brushing past themes and ideas which Falla was later to flesh out with full orchestra.

Fifteen minutes felt like 15 seconds. No sooner had the blackbird greeted the dawn with piccolo and raucous violin downbows than the miller's wife started her flirting; Falla's stream of melody, shot through with one mercurial solo incident after another, flowed on: and before we knew it, her passing flirtation had got its comeuppance. These were the "haunting rhythms arising from the primitive spirit of music" which Falla so admired in Mussorgsky; this was music written to be felt, not understood. It was played as such, with fantasy and irresistible finesse, by a chamber orchestra who should certainly visit Britain more often.

tian beliefs in a magic potion of raw, primitive orchestration and dark incantation. The melodrama, the "Romance del Pescador", was to become the hushed "El circulo mágico" of the shorter, revised version: Ortega inflected it with a sound as of the very earth itself. When she sang her song of love's sorrow and of the will-o'-the-wisp, the voice became like a coil of dark, acrid woodsmoke, each tone bending and breaking deep in the throat as its rhythmic life was meticulously and passionately controlled.

The small orchestra became smaller still for the evening's second rarity, *El corregidor y*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

SCOTTISH VARIETY: THE FABULOUS FIFTIES. Variety stars recreate the old days, with the help of a troupe of *Tiller Girls*. Devised by Jimmy Logan. See review, page 25.
King's Theatre, Leven Street. Tonight, 6pm and 8.45pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA: Edo de Waart conducts the PO in Janáček's most popular orchestral work, Sinfonietta, and Schubert's Symphony No 9, the "Great C Major".
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before.

ORQUESTRA DE CAMBRA TEATRE LLIURE: Josep Pons conducts the acclaimed orchestra from Barcelona in a rare performance of *Fella* by Catalan-born composer Roberto Gerhard. Josep Benet is the soloist.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

SHAMELESS: Opera Circus presents *Shameless! an immoral tale directed by* David Glass, with new music by Paul Sand. An operatic satire, inspired by Brecht.
Pleasance 1, The Pleasance (031-556 6550). Tonight-Sept 4, 6.40 pm.

THE BALLAD OF THE LIMEHOUSE RAT: Tim Newton's play combines physical drama and music hall. A rat of monstrous proportions threatens the streets of Docklands until a stranger confronts him.
Venue 47, The Cafe Royal (031-556 2549). Daily until Sept 4, (not Suns, 22, 29), 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: For tonight's **Prom** Mariss Jansons conducts the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme consisting of Alfred Schnittke's *(K)Ein Sommernachtstraum*, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major and Strauss's *An Alpine Symphony*. Japanese violinist Midori makes her Prom debut as soloist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071 589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON: Despite their chequered history in the last 50 years, the Argentinians have been amazingly productive of cartoons and graphic humour — some of it satirical, whenever such expression was possible, and much clearly brushed by a local brand of surrealism. **Argentine Graphic Humour,** staged in collaboration with the International Cartoon Festival of Knokke-Heist, Belgium, gathers together the varied and diverting work of some 20 artists.
National Museum of Cartoon Art, 183, Eversholt Street, NW1 (071-388 4326). Mon-Fri, midday-6pm (Thurs to 7pm). Today-Sept 24.

LONDON: Philip Pickett directs **The Pilgrimage to Santiago,** a musical journey along the medieval pilgrim road *to the shrine of St James at Santiago de* Compostela. Catherine Bott is the soloist with chorus, singers and instrumentalists accompanying her.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, *SW7 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.*

NORTHAMPTON: The Edelweiss is blooming and the hills are alive with pleasant melodies in this brand new *staging of the tune-packed musical* **The Sound of Music.**
Royal Theatre, Guildhall Street (0604 32533). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 2.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 195mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins.

□ **THE CENCI:** Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th Cent Italy, revived on Damned Poets Theatre Co for the bicentenary of his birth.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311). Preview Wed 7.30pm. Mon to Sat 7.30pm. Mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

◩ *CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality* Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 *(071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats* Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **GODSPELL:** Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tue to Sun 7.30pm (not Sun Aug 22) plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Till August 30.

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another *nation-wide tour with their thrilling* version of Mervyn Peake.

Lyric, King St, *Hammersmith,* W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** *Strong central performance by Trevor* Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. 190mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot *Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a* quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12): Wearisome spoof of the *Rambo* school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges, Valeria Golino. Director, Jim Abrahams.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18): The lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. Dynamic first feature from writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone*.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043).

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast. Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast. Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** *(071-437 1234/497 9999)* **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance: director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): Milanese bank clerk, dogged by a killer *policeman, hides away in Mexico.* Gabriele Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to Mediterraneo, with Diego Abatantuono, Valeria Golino.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake, see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757)

JAZZ: Way forward, or dead end? **Clive Davis** reviews a performer who polarises opinion

ALLAN TITMUSS



Wynton Marsalis: still time for him to prove the doubters wrong. After all, Duke Ellington was over 30 when he made his best recordings

Time for a blend of art and soul

Wynton Marsalis
Albert Hall

ROUND 26 of the great "Is He A Genius?" debate, and we are no nearer a conclusive answer. In one corner are those who regard Wynton Marsalis as the Chosen One who saved jazz from total disintegration, an artist who will set new standards well into the next century. As a virtuoso who has made a series of assured classical recordings, he is the ideal choice to carry the flag at the Albert Hall.

If there were any Promenaders who still clung to the illusion that jazz is all about striped waistcoats and funny hats, this concert — built around an extended suite inspired by Afro-American church music — would have cleared away any lingering misconceptions. Marsalis and his septet represent a generation of formidably sophisticated players. When you are invited to clap along, it is in 7/4 time.

And on the other side, muttering dark thoughts, are the sceptics. The man from New Orleans, they say, has wonderful technique, impeccable taste and a sense of history, but he just ain't got it — "it" being that indefinable element of personal expression that is essential to any truly inspired jazz musician.

Another trumpeter, Lester Bowie, summed up the general sentiment recently in an outspoken interview: "Wynton's a good musician, but he's been totally miscast... You can't feel an emotional attachment because he's not playing *him*."

The argument has been swinging back and forth for a decade or more, and Marsalis is still only 31. There is ample time for him to prove the doubters wrong. After all, Duke Ellington — to whom Marsalis is increasingly compared — did not make his most enduring recordings until he was well into his thirties.

This concert was a reminder of how far Marsalis has moved away from high-pressure "post-bop" towards a more reflective style which draws more explicitly on traditional blues and gospel voicings. His trumpet timbre, once *laser-sharp*, is now laden with muddied growls and smears in the manner of Bubber Miley.

His own solo opportunities were limited here. He increasingly prefers to merge into the rest of the group, occasionally surfacing for terse, clinically precise statements. There remains, though, a stiffness in his phrasing. The blues are delivered on cue, but in a cautious, self-conscious voice, as if he were an actor who is intently studying his lines.

The evening had its moments of powerful ensemble playing. But Marsalis's compositional skills were stretched thin over 90 minutes, the gospel-derived motifs often too slight to bear the weight of Walter Blanding Jr and Wes Anderson's saxophone improvisations. In a club or a smaller venue, this might not have mattered. In an arena as large as this, the impact of the music was bound to be dissipated.

The comparisons with Ellington raise a more interesting point. Ellington was composing for a collection of highly distinctive individuals: players such as Johnny Hodges, Harry Carney and Paul Gonsalves imposed their own signature on each piece. As yet, none of Marsalis's sidemen has developed that sort of readily identifiable imprint, and the music seems to lack balance as a result. But, remember, there is still time.

PROMS: The second of this year's new commissions

Novel kind of beauty

BBCSO/Davis
Albert Hall/Radio 3

PROBABLY because they are so popular, so public, the Proms have a habit of tempting composers chosen to provide new works to be slightly more conscious of their duty to their listeners than perhaps is usual. Take Nicholas Sackman, for instance. His output is small, and what I recall hearing has seemed too complex and severe. His new work, *Hawthorn*, given an impressive world premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Andrew Davis at last Thursday's Prom, does not eschew complexity; that is part of Sackman's modernist language and is there to stay. But within the confines of that language the work radiates confidence, lyricism, dramatic immediacy and formal coherence, qualities which one would not have readily attributed to this composer before.

Perhaps that is down to its source of inspiration, Glyn Hughes's novel, *The Hawthorn Goddess*, which tells of a free-spirited young girl living in the bigoted and superstitious world of late 18th-century Yorkshire. Though the music is no literal interpretation, the ideas the book brings to Sackman are pregnant and powerful: shuddering rhythms, massive, swirling textures, fragmented phrases, and, yes, lyrical tunes, all mixed together in a maelstrom of colour, and presumably broadly signifying malevolent forces conspiring against beauty. The piece, in three connected movements, fast-slow-fast, has a strong sense of recapitulation, but perspectives continually change so that we do not end where we began.

One only hopes that a record company is in on the act so that this work can be more thoroughly explored. More live performances would not go amiss either, if the great music-loving public's apathy can be risked. Of those few who attended this Prom, some will have been enticed by the prospect of hearing the Russian violinist Maxim Vengerov, just 19, who made his Proms debut a year ago. This time he gave a lovely, shapely account of Prokofiev's First Violin Concerto, emphasising though not over-indulging the outer movement's lyrical qualities and giving the central Scherzo, the work's sole concession to the modernism of the day, with a likewise intelligently controlled rhythmic punch.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THEATRE: The prairie's great raconteur returns

Wry ramble to Wobegon

Garrison Keillor
Ambassadors

SO HERE he is again, the creator and chronicler of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota. But blink hard this year and you will miss him, for his UK Tour '93 plays only three nights in London, one in Norwich and two at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, before returning to America. The glad news for Keillor fans is that his destination, if I read the signs aright, is once again the Midwest prairie town (1418 alt., 942 pop.) that he has occupied his working-life trying to leave behind yet not to leave.

Six years ago his long-running live radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, went out on the Minnesota air for the last time, and he moved to New York. The show that succeeded it, *American Radio Company*, has been running for four years but Keillor now pines for the old name, so it's back to the *Prairie Home* in the fall. His destination and his destiny are one.

Tall, sturdily built from all that Minnesota sweetcorn he praises so extravagantly — the food of heaven, no less — and standing almost totally still near but not at the centre of the stage, he tells his dry, wry, rambling tales. Cunningly he guides a way through an undergrowth of tiny social details that opens out abruptly into an absurd calamity and then continues further into something tender or serious, so that you never quite know what mood he wishes to leave you in.

His account of the talent show where the schoolboy Keillor learnt the uses of wickedness, or the cool conclusion of his first journey out of his home state: the irony is there all right, but where exactly? Lake Wobegon crushes something good and human out of a person but what remains is somehow good and human too, so the ironic approach is critical yet affectionate.

He sings, gently, into a hand-held mike, and Richard Dworsky accompanies him again on the piano. Kate MacKenzie and Robin and Linda Williams make up the Hopeful Gospel Quartet with Keillor, singing rather more gospel songs than I care to hear. His precise religious feelings are impossible to determine, likewise the range of his anger towards his puritan forebears, yet he evidently loves singing gospel. Whether trapped at Lake Wobegon or trapped outside it, life is a real mix-up, and Keillor's artful depiction of this accounts for his success.

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Surely the Lord is in this place

Henry Chadwick

A NEW ENCYLOPAEDIA OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN THE HOLY LAND
Edited by Ephraim Stern, Ayelet Lewinson-Gilboa and Joseph Aviram
Simon & Schuster/Kuperard, four volumes £199

Was it not Mrs Thrale who remarked of Johnson's Dictionary that the book was excellent reading but for the *want* of a little connection? Something similar could be said of the large four-volume encyclopaedia in which *eminent* Israeli archaeologists, with some external assistance, now present an astonishing and highly *professional* portrait of archaeological discoveries at a large number of ancient places in and around Israel.

Perhaps no area of the Earth's surface has been more zealously picked over by learned spades than the land which, to Jews, Christians and Muslims, is holy ground because of its associations with what holy people have said and done there. Since early times people have wanted to know where biblical sites are to be located — the search goes back to some of the biblical writers themselves. More recently archaeologists, with increasing professionalism (especially since the pioneer work of Sir Flinders Petrie, handsomely acknowledged here), have asked what more might be disclosed about the history of settlements at the various sites.

This new encyclopaedia is an impressive *monument* to Israeli scholarship. The four-volume work is the grandson of a modest handbook which first appeared in Hebrew in 1970, and direct son of an enlarged encyclopaedia, also in four volumes, edited in 1975-79 by Michael Avi-Yonah. He sadly died before his labours saw the light, but it was completed by Ephraim Stern and inexpensively published in Britain by Oxford University Press.

The *new edition enjoys* a good deal of continuity with the old, not only through the fact that its principal editor is again Stern, now professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The new work may be nearly five times the price, but has vastly more information with richer and very *detailed bibliographies*.

Over 365 articles are included, with a mass of letterpress in rather small *print*. There is a vast number of photographs of sites and objects found at them. Objects of special beauty or historical interest get colour treatment. The individual sites are sensibly presented in alphabetical order, and the articles have a regular pattern. The reader is first told where to find the site on the maps at the end-papers of each volume, a *map* reference being given in most cases even when the location is in Jordan. We are told what *ancient name* or *names* the place bore — it is remarkable how often a Roman or Greek name eventually yields to the much earlier Semitic name. There follows an account of the excavations (and the excavators) with the dates of the digs, and then a description of the monumental remains and *the smaller finds*.

By conscious policy the scope of the entries is largely restricted to the information uncovered by the spade, and that must be considered a strength of the encyclopaedia. It is only to a limited extent that the evidence brought to light by excavators is integrated into the broader history of the Holy Land in *ancient times*.

The enormous article on Jerusalem which runs to book-length and is a masterpiece, like the shorter piece on the finds at Beth Shean (Roman Scythopolis), is substantially less than a history of the city and its crucial role for the society of the age. What is given is a lapidary summary of the earliest evidence for settlement and of the later remains as uncovered by the digs. Another striking example of this restraint is the article on Qumran. The editors have used a piece by the *late Father de Vaux. By some it* may be thought a little dated, but it is of course a luminous perspective on what the original excavator thought his discoveries meant. The article meticulously describes the caves where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found but abstains from a direct evaluation of these remarkable and *momentous documents*.

To read through these four volumes is to learn a lot about archaeological method generally, as well as about very particular discoveries. Stern is so learned a general editor that one can hardly put down his four heavy volumes without a mixture, on the one hand of gratitude for the material collected, on the other hand of hunger for perhaps that little *bit more*. Readers who are not themselves going to participate in a dig may feel a touch of regret that the principal editor does not contribute an *essay of synthesis to explain* what difference to our understanding of the successive societies inhabiting the Holy Land has been made by the Trojan efforts of innumerable toiling diggers. That might have supplied the string on which the pearls in the individual articles are held together.

At the same time the range of history presented in these volumes is far from narrow. We move from the Stone Age *through early, middle, and* late Bronze age matter, to Biblical times, to Israel under the Greeks, then the Romans. Early Byzantine churches with fine mosaics are included, and even some monuments of the Crusaders such as Belvoir and Montfort (but not Kerak). The distinguished article on Petra concentrates on its rise to be the capital city for the Nabataean Arabs, and is silent about its evidence for the Roman and Christian periods. The illustrations of the wonderful rock-cut tombs at this supreme ancient site are excellent. Medeba (Madaba) and *its famous map* are *also* well covered. Readers hungry to know something of the Holy Land in late antiquity are not unfed, but will occasionally be asking for more.

Henry Chadwick retired as Master of Peterhouse in June. He is the author of many books and articles on early Christianity.

PAPERBACKS

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT
By Paul Watkins
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A YOUNG Irish-American, Ben Sheridan, returns to Ireland in a ship secretly loaded with rifles, the unwitting bearer of fighting dollars and a name that commands almost mythical respect in the ranks of the IRA. Set in 1921, at the height of the Black and Tan war, the novel portrays Ben's search for his true father. The writing is taut and uncomplicated, the settings and the climax worthy of Buchan.

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WALPURGISNACHT
By Gustav Meyrink
Dedalus, £6.99
IT IS 1917. Europe is torn apart by war, Russia in the grip of revolution, the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the brink of collapse. *It is Walpurgisnacht*, springtime pagan festival of unbridled desire. In this volcanic atmosphere, in a Prague of splendour and decay, the rabble prepare to storm the hilltop castle, and Dr Thaddaeus Halberd, once the court physician, mourns his lost youth. Phantasmagorical prose, energetically translated, marvellously evokes past and present, personal and political, a devastated world.

THE FAME HOTEL
By Terence Blacker
Black Swan, £5.99
OLIVER Sincton, American sleazebag and cheap sex enthusiast, is discovered murdered in a Mayfair service flat with a doughnut decorating his most treasured part. Inspector Simon Potter leads the investigations with admirable cool, but as a character he is rather *shadowy. The same* cannot be said for the rest: Bimbo, Horrid Civil Servant, Repressed Englishman, French Lesbian. This media whodunnit is a cut above the average.

● *Contributors: Brian Morton, Alison Burns, Sue Gee, Tania Glyde*

Imagination which must be obeyed

A new life of Rider Haggard shows his stories at odds with his career as an imperialist, says **Peter Ackroyd**

RIDER HAGGARD
and the lost *empire*
By Tom Pocock
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

His mother wrote a poem about the Afghan War of 1842, a nursery maid told him stories about a grotesque doll known as *She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed*, and the owner of a neighbouring estate collected Egyptian antiquities. Even in childhood, Rider Haggard was led towards what he called "the blessed kingdom of *Romance*".

He was considered the "least favoured" among his brothers — but, like Joseph, he was the one to interpret visions. At an early age he managed to become an aide to Sir Henry Bulwer in South Africa. It was here that his real life can be said to begin since, after Norfolk, this was a continent which struck him with the force of revelation: the Boers and the Zulus, the witch-doctors and the mountains, provided him with an exotic landscape of the imagination *in which* he could lose himself.

It was certainly the landscape which he carried back with him to England. But there are many young romanticists who remain in a quiescent state, with their passion for a lost past or place no more than the material for nostalgia or frustrated longing. Rider Haggard, true to his squirearchical roots, *was of a* more robust disposition. "I was determined to make a success in the world in one way or another," he wrote. So he began to write fiction, but it was not until he decided to beat the recently published *Treasure Island* at its own game that he scored a significant success with *King Solomon's Mines*. It took him six weeks to complete, and then he finished *She* just as quickly. Here were the makings of a florid mid-Victorian imagination.

He was now *31* years old, and decided to refresh himself among the pyramids and tombs of Egypt. He always possessed some affinity with the more ancient cultures; primarily, I suspect, because of his early obsession with death — Tom Pocock describes here how, as a small child, he had imagined himself a corpse. He needed to find abiding spiritual forces, or talismans of such, because he wanted to recognise some other reality beyond the grave which he feared.

In a sense he made a conscious decision to open himself to the infinite and, as a result, the infinite touched *him; or rather, in the idiom of* the day, he became aware of "etheric powers". He believed himself to have lived once in ancient Egypt, and in his house in West Kensington he had what he called "the experience with the *mummy*", which his brother had sent from that country. One London house was, after his departure, plagued by poltergeists and stray footsteps — even his tough and stoical wife, Louie, was forced from her room when the sheets were torn from her bed by an invisible hand. Pocock describes how "both Jungian and Freudian psychologists — including Dr Carl Jung himself — were to use *She* to illustrate the concept of the *anima*, the feminine force in mankind."

The impression given by Pocock's biography is of a rather neurotic, anxious and restless personality — with what Edmund Gosse described as his "loud laugh and goggle eyes and the joke repeated two or three times for fear you have not perceived it". But he had a peculiar imaginative power which was so deeply buried that it hardly seems "literary" at all.

It would be easy to dismiss *him, then, as a writer of* potboilers — yet he was, essentially, a writer of stories. Stories need not necessarily be literature. They need not necessarily even be literary. They come from some other part of *the human imagination — the* part where ancient fears lie, and where reverence or worship has its place. Rider Haggard wrote them quickly because he was only their guardian, not their creator; when he professed himself to be remote from the process of novel-making, he was speaking only the truth.

In that sense his life really needed to have no connection *with his art, and there exists in* this biography an almost comic disparity between his exterior existence and his obsessive fiction. He stood as a Conservative MP (and lost); he became a City trader complete with "black frock coat, striped trousers and top hat"; and then a hard-working Norfolk farmer. He became an unlikely friend of Teddy Roosevelt, although he did share with him what Pocock calls a "practical imperialism".

He wanted to subjugate and to control those ancient races which were the very source of *his imaginative reveries. He* seemed to distrust and even to dislike his imaginative powers. His strident polemics about the superiority of the white race sound very much like the special pleading of a man seeking to control his own intuitive nature. So, when he was made a Knight Bachelor and member of the Dominion Royal Commission, it was quite natural that he should describe it as "the end of a long *struggle for serious recogni*tion in which I was much hampered by this necessary novel-writing".

Perhaps Pocock takes Haggard too much at his word in this respect, at least, and *concentrates upon his career* as "an agricultural, social and imperial reformer" at the expense of that interior stuff out of which his 58 novels were made. But the biographer's reticence may be understandable — to penetrate into the inner world of Rider Haggard would mean the creation of an alternative biography. The result would be ambiguity, or even incoherence.

But since Pocock stays longer with Haggard's more public *concerns*, it necessarily becomes a record of disappointment. He proclaimed the benefits of a white empire at a time when it was most strained; he had to face the first world war and, in recompense, invented some ideal world order which was threatened by Orientals, Jews and the darker races. In the end only the dreams of his fiction have survived. In one of his last speeches he declared: "Imagination is a great gift, but a terrible steed to ride." When his daughter saw the body of her dead father, she saw that "the spirit... had gone on its way rejoicing".



Rider Haggard aged 67, in the hall of Osiris at Abydos during his last visit to Egypt in 1924. His affinity with ancient cultures derived from an early obsession with death

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Right on Hardy and Tolstoy

HISTORICAL AND FANTASY

It was a mistake for women to emerge from the primeval slime. Since then it has been downhill all the way — apart from some good times with the Celts and the Saxons. Now we are all prisoners of our own biology, and in for a thoroughly miserable time.

So thinks Liza Lu, narrator of Tess by Emma Tennant (HarperCollins, £14.99). She is the sister of Tess, daughter of the mad Mary Hewitt, and aunt and great aunt to Tess's daughter and granddaughter, last, one might hope, in a long line of unmarried mothers. *The original of Thomas* Hardy's Tess, and her daughter Gertrude Bugler, together with Hardy and his relationship with his second wife Florence form a thread in this very complex and involved tapestry.

Other threads are the sheer beauty of the Dorset countryside, a brief history of the area *from primeval slime to the* present day, notes on ammonites, and a relentless narrative of misery and lack of hope. All the villains are men, and all the men are villains, including the ageing Hardy with his innocent infatuation with Gertrude, then a young actress. Fathers, lovers, husbands (a rare breed) all commit terrible crimes of cruelty and betrayal. Meanwhile the women go mad, have children, develop anorexia nervosa, commit suicide.

There is a terrible, secular predestination about the view that everything you have done has been done by a woman just ahead of you and will be repeated by you, without any *hope of breaking the cycle. It is* one kind of extreme feminist view, which I find extremely depressing.

What has happened to the spirited young women who have appeared in English literature? Sometimes they went in pairs, like Shakespeare's Rosalind and Celia, and Jane Austen's Jane and Elizabeth Bennett. Nature and nurture appear to give Tess's granddaughter the worst possible start. An army of social workers could not solve the problems of Tess and her extended family, since they regard themselves as victims, without hope.

This is a maddening book, because not only is it well written but many of the threads are interesting in themselves, particularly the relationship between Hardy and his last attachment — Gertrude Bugler died as recently as 1992. But amid so many themes and so much information, the story goes wandering off into side lines, such as pop singing (Tess had "the best voice since Helen Shapiro" and managed to fail at that, also), with the most *horrible revelation kept till the* very end — the reverse of a *bonne bouche*.

The Last Station, by Jay Parini (HarperCollins £14.99), subtitled "a novel of Tolstoy's Last Year", has the happy notion of factionalising five diarists who kept records of that hothouse of the emotions, Tolstoy's country estate, Yasna *Polyana. His Countess kept a* wild record of fear and paranoia, since Tolstoy was contemplating giving all his wealth (including the copyrights) away. His chief disciple, the creepy Chertkov, hates *the Countess (and pretty* well everyone else).

Then there is Sasha, Tolstoy's daughter, Bulgakov, his most recent secretary, and Tolstoy himself (his own words used). So much hatred,



Emma Tennant: fiercely feminist version of *Tess*

mistrust, anguish and sheer bitchiness becomes wearing after a time, leading to the bathos of Tolstoy's flight to the Russian railway system and death while the world's press (including news reel cameras) looked on.

In **A Song for Arbonne** by Guy Gavriel Kay (Harper-*Collins £14.99), Arbonne is a* sunlit, smiling place, rather like Provence, where vines and olives grow, and an elegant and luxury-loving society, devoted to the arts and the work of troubadours, worships both the mother goddess Rian and the male god Corannos, in honour of whom there are two moons (one of them blue). The *custom of the country includes* dynastic marriages, followed by a sexual freedom which would turn the 20th century pale.

There is one taboo which is universal: the heir must be *legitimate, and it is* the breaking of this rule which is the cause of a feud between the noble houses of de Maraval and de Talar which is tearing Arbonne apart.

To the north is Gorhaut (all *the best fantasy novels have* detailed maps), a cold, militaristic society, ruled by a dissolute King, aided by the High Elder, *Galbert de Garsenc*, who has perverted the worship of Corannos into a cruel heresy. They both wish to conquer Arbonne.

Enter Blaise, the mysterious stranger, a man hardened and *embittered, willing to sell his* skill and his sword to the highest bidder. He begins by despising the people of Arbonne, but comes to like them, and to wish to save them from the coming destruction. As he is the renegade younger son of the High Elder of Garsenc, he knows the worst.

A desperate and bloody war *begins when Rosala, wife of* Blaise's brother Ranald, flees to Arbonne, desperate to avoid the attentions of the king, and to prevent her unborn child from being offered to Corannos.

There is steel in the Arbonnais, even if their enemies despise them for their women rulers. Powerful char*acters like Bertran de Talair*, womaniser, cause of most of the trouble, composer of the most beautiful songs in their history, and ruthless fighter, and the High Priestess, who has blinded herself in the service of Rian and her people. There are clever and brave killers for hire, and glamorous and unscrupulous women in *positions of power*, and there is Blaise, who has to go through many ordeals before his true destiny.

This is Kay's second novel in a longer form (following *Tigana*) and he gets better and better. It is a marvellous adventure story, set in an imagined world, beautifully conceived, and parallel to our own troubles.

PHILIPPA TOOMEY



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25.10	Elerkdge P Wa a	170	+17	...	3.1	34.1
1,749.20	Fosters Brewing	95	...	...	4.8	7.6
81.89	*Fullr Sm 'A'a*	405	+ 5	...	2.2	17.4
9,285.30	Grand Met	492 †	+ 2	...	3.4	14.8
770.30	Greenalls Grp	570	- 3	11.7	4.0	12.5
241.10	Greene King	570	...	...	2.7	16.1
10,100.20	Guinness	570	+41	...	2.9	17.9
60.30	Hardy Hanbn	268	+20	7.9	3.7	14.7
2.85	Hartstone	21½	...	5.0	3.3	27.6
437.90	Highland Dist	350	+ 1	6.0	2.1	23.3
58.10	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
3.23	Hoskins Brow	56	...	...	...	40.3
324.90	Invrgordn Dist	394	- 3	...	...	30.8
180.60	Macallan-Glen	155	...	0.6	0.7	34.8
51.00	Macdn Martn A	375	- 3	...	2.6	17.9
126.50	Mansfield	198	+ 2	...	2.4	14.2
256.40	Mecom Thmp	283	- 4	...	2.4	14.2
61.80	Matthew Clark	435 †	+ 5	...	1.1	12.7
34.20	Mrrydwn W	286 †	+ 3	7.0	3.1	∞
110.90	Morland	523	+ 3	8.4	2.0	20.8
4.90	Paramount a	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
25.30	Regent Inns	174	+ 2	...	2.3	17.9
2,460.80	SA Breweries	900	+ 2	...	3.0	14.9
1,957.70	Scot & Nwc	465	+16	...	4.5	14.5
225.20	Taunton Cider	206	+ 3	9.0	3.6	16.8
329.40	Tms Group	238	- 1	9.3	4.6	18.4
44.30	Wetherspoon JD	301	+23	...	2.0	24.3
2,391.10	Whitbread 'A'	529	+20	...	4.2	14.3
149.90	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
331.90	Wolverhmptn D	503	+15	11.4	2.8	14.1
13.90	Young 'A'	478	+ 3	14.5	3.8	19.5

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46.50	Abbey	120	+ 5	...	8.5	∞
11.10	Abrdgshire a	22	+ 3	...	...	...
25.50	Allens	114	-	...	5.5	25.8
243.90	Amec	94	- 4	3.0	3.4	17.8
2.97	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
58.40	Ashtead a	263 †	+15	4.5	2.2	∞
321.50	Ashwoods	114	- 2	5.0	5.5	16.5
1,247.70	BPB Ind	251	- 2	...	3.1	43.2
134.60	Baggeridge Brk	88	+15	3.1	3.4	39.6
2.60	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
19.70	Barrow	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
262.90	Barron	47½	- 2½	2.0	5.3	23.4
293.40	Barratt Dev	157	...	2.0	1.6	12.5
307.90	Bellway	627	+ 6	...	3.5	24.7
14.90	Bellwinch	34	+ 3	...	...	...
341.30	Bernards Gp	145	+ 7	...	1.7	27.9
17.30	Bett Bros	115	+11	...	0.5	4.7
14.60	Blockleys	57	+ 6	1.0	2.2	62.0
1,878.10	Blue Circle	266	-17	...	5.3	...
71.80	Boot (Henry)	276	...	9.0	2.7	15.4
27.60	Bredero PLC	97	+ 2	4.6	5.0	23.5
30.60	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
16.20	Br Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
400.50	Bryant	146	- 1	4.8	4.1	31.2
29.00	CALA	85	+ 9	2.5	...	...
922.00	CRH	283	+ 1	...	3.0	19.6
1.50	Calcerrad Rby	35	+ 5	...	...	...
81.50	Costain	138	...	...	...	...
404.50	Countryside	157	+ 2	...	3.7	36.2
54.30	Crest Nicholson	71	- ½	0.0	...	...
17.10	Cussins	9½ †	+ ½	...	1.3	...
1.47	Dunmore	3	...	...	...	...
10.50	Edmond Hdgs	20	+ 2	0.5	3.1	...
52.80	Epwin	268	+ 6	6.8	3.2	22.5
24.60	Erith	52	+ 7	0.5	0.8	...
42.70	Eve Groups	448	+15	...	2.8	16.2
7.90	Explurans a	9½	+ ½	...	...	...
7.00	Freeman Gp a	130	+ 1	...	4.8	20.5
42.60	Galliford	48	+ 4	4.3	...	19.3
0.94	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
92.20	Gleeson (M)	913	+ 3	12.7	1.7	14.8
254.10	Hawden-Jenn	134	+ 4	...	3.0	30.5
7.85	Henderson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
233.50	Heyrod Wm	337	- 2	12.5	5.1	...
50.60	Higgs & Hill	115	+ 7	2.5	2.7	...
11.90	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	...
4.77	Howard Hldgs	19 †	+ ½	0.5	3.3	...
190.20	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
15.20	Jarvis	109	+ 1½	...	...	...
145.40	Laing (J)	313	+ 4	9.0	3.6	12.5
50.60	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126	+ 6	...	6.3	...
6.44	Lit Chesterfds a	93	+ 2	4.5	6.0	35.0
15.00	Lovell (J)	18	+ ½	...	...	8.2
119.70	Mander	320	+ 4	9.0	3.5	19.6
447.00	Marley	158	- 7	4.2	3.4	45.7
122.20	Marshalls	101	+ 8	...	5.0	69.6
41.50	Maunders (J)	168	+ 5	4.9	3.7	15.4
117.50	McAlpine (A)	208	+ 1	6.5	3.9	36.0
24.90	McCarthy & S	39½	+ 1½	0.5	...	...
469.50	Meyer Int	378	+ 9	...	3.3	37.9
136.60	Mowlem (J)	126	+ 4	4.0	4.0	...
23.00	NSM	34	+14	...	...	...
9.91	Needler a	48	...	...	1.7	23.3
201.60	Newman Tnks	167	+ 1	...	6.0	22.3
285.50	Persimmon	289	- 4	8.6	3.7	29.5
1.73	Phoenix Timber	12	-12	...	...	...
16.10	Pochins	1550	+25	29.0	2.4	9.4
89.50	Prowting	140	+ 3	3.4	3.0	...
1.81	Quilligotta	2½	...	...	...	...
1,556.20	RMC Gp	704	-25	...	3.1	31.2
176.60	Raine Ind	94	+11	6.0	8.0	15.7
2.49	Ramsay a	22	...	...	...	...
2,797.20	Redland	555	+ 1	25.0	5.6	32.3
11.70	Rosket	78	+ 1	4.3	6.9	11.5
804.70	Rugby Group	275	- 6	8.4	2.9	21.1
6.42	Serrid-Ivea	41	...	...	...	40.3
22.70	Sharpe & Fisher	110	+ 3	...	...	30.8
136.30	Sheffield Inst	209	+16	...	3.2	51.3
15.40	Sheffld Hdgs a	141	+ 7	...	1.7	21.9
2.90	Shorcon	75	+ 5	...	8.9	16.6
22.20	Smart (J)	220	+ 5	8.5	3.8	10.0
14.30	Stanmar	4½	+ ½	0.3	6.8	∞
1,078.80	Tarmac	147	- 1	5.5	4.7	...
37.00	Tay Homes	169	+ 5	5.8	4.3	10.6
955.70	Taylor Woodrw	133	...	1.8	0.9	...
210.60	Tilbury Douglas	625	+40	33.0	6.6	20.3
3.56	Tonex Hires a	35	...	...	1.4	...
348.60	Travis Perkins	244	- 3	8.0	4.1	43.0
14.30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
2.84	Tudor a	26	...	...	1.2	...
34.00	Tilreplant	74	+ 1	2.5	4.3	26.2
25.20	Ward Hldgs	68	+ 1	...	...	...
0.38	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
90.50	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
2.52	Wescol a	24	- 3	...	...	...
107.10	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	25.1
1.43	Wiggins	0 ¾	...	...	...	...
338.00	Wilson Bowdn	475	- 6	8.7	2.5	20.7
354.40	Wilson (C)	187	+ 4	3.9	2.5	32.4
536.50	Wimpey G	186	- 3	...	3.5	...
4.73	YRM	36	+ 2	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
674.80	ADT	630	+20	...	...	...
9.70	Adam & Harvey	228	+10	12.0	6.6	4.2
9.47	Air London	73	...	...	8.0	9.0
3.45	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
187.10	Aggr Sec	361	...	...	2.8	20.3
24.10	BNB Res	100	+10	4.9	6.1	...
80.00	BPP	204 †	- 2	8.0	3.2	17.0
36.20	Barbour Index	218	+18	8.0	4.6	∞
20.50	Bowstead	74	+ 2	2.0	2.7	...
59.50	Bri Data Mgt	245	+12	7.0	2.9	30.4
2.95	Broadcastdata	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
7.93	Brooks Service	95	+ 5	...	...	...
51.10	CRT Gp	97	- 5	2.8	2.9	∞
90.10	Capita Group	190 †	+29	...	1.4	29.7
33.20	Casket Plc	41½	+ ½	...	2.4	16.0
14.50	Chiltern Capital	20	+ ½	...	...	...
10.80	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
1,002.80	Chubb Sec	350	+15	...	1.7	22.3
5.71	Comaca	99	+ 4	...	2.1	22.2
7.73	Corp Services	30	+ 1	...	...	...
10.50	Courts Cmblc	44	+ 1	...	...	...
16.80	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.0	14.9
259.30	Davis Service	285	+ 9	...	3.9	19.2
5.05	EW Fields	44	...	4.2	9.5	10.8
22.80	Gardiner	31½	+ 4	0.6	...	21.7
1,019.60	Hays	253	+12	4.6	1.8	24.9
168.10	Hoog Rohmsn	240	+14	...	3.4	17.5
15.40	Holmes Protecm	35	...	...	...	5.1
1,844.00	Hunch Whamp	197	...	...	2.4	16.8
499.40	ISS B DKr	1025	-109½	...	5.5	24.6
2,695.80	Inchcape	545	+ 8	...	3.2	18.0
163.50	Johnson Clean	330 †	+ 2	25.7	3.9	18.1
98.50	Lep	109	+ 1½	...	...	...
24.50	Mitie Gp	274 †	+ 3	3.5	1.6	∞
290.20	Manpower	1062	+ 9	...	...	...
34.40	Michael Page	573	+ 9½	1.0	3.9	24.4
8.14	Pennan	172	+ 8	...	2.3	6.4
2.25	Prime Peoples	2½	...	...	...	...
70.10	Proudfoot Alex	127	...	...	11.5	7.0
57.70	RCO	393	+ 2	12.8	5.0	11.9
9.40	RFA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
57.30	Reed Executive	494	+ 6	...	...	...
27.90	Reliance Secs a	114 †	- 3	...	4.9	...
1,984.90	Rentokil	206	+ 1	2.9	1.4	25.4
12.60	Rolfe & Nolan	233	...	...	4.8	12.6
1,110.00	Sidwcstn IO	388	+15	...	2.5	21.7
3.20	Scot Prdfords a	77	+ 4	...	2.7	11.8
69.50	Securigard	330	...	...	4.2	18.0
12.90	Select Appts	8	...	...	...	...
127.60	Serco Gp	1075	-25	14.0	1.6	29.7
9.25	Sheard Cmpn a	197	+28	...	5.8	4.4
57.40	Stelchley	99	+ 2	...	2.8	22.6
78.10	Warner Howard	272	...	6.5	2.4	17.3
15.10	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
24.20	Wills Gp	24½	+ 1	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543.60	Allied Colloids	245	- 1	...	2.2	21.6
497.40	Amersham	855	+45	...	2.0	39.6
19.40	Anglo Ord	2	...	...	...	...
5,755.50	BASF DM	2100½	-231½	...	3.2	...
358.60	BTP	590	...	...	4.0	20.0
7,642.40	Bayer DM50	1110½	-265½	...	4.5	...
70.70	Blagden	165 †	-10½	9.5	...	12.8
95.10	Brent Chems	126	+ 6	...	7.5	11.5
126.00	Br Bio-Tech	353	+ 3	...	...	...
7.72	Caird Gp	17½	...	...	12.3	37.5
39.90	Canning (W)	141	+ 2	7.2	6.5	16.2
2,281.70	Courtaulds	569	- 9	...	5.1	15.1
362.80	Croda	392	+ 3	...	3.3	19.1
14.90	Dowlow	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
179.90	Elfis & Everard	218	+ 6	7.0	4.8	∞
10.20	Euro Colour	34	+ 1	0.8	2.9	20.8
93.30	Halstead (J)	313	+ 5	...	2.4	15.2
306.70	Hickson	177	- 2	...	5.6	16.4
6,504.30	Hoechst	2110	-150	...	3.2	...
190.80	Holliday Chem	225	+ 2	...	2.1	20.4
4,990.50	ICI	693 †	+ 8	...	5.0	...

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,178.80	East Midlands	522	+11	...	4.7	9.8
1,626.70	Eastern Elect	626	+ 1	...	4.6	10.5
1,420.90	Hydro-Elect	771 †	+10½	...	5.8	13.4
1,149.40	London Elect	527	+ 1	...	4.6	11.7
1,148.10	Midlands Elec	548	+10	...	4.6	9.3
4,597.20	National Power	360	+ 2	...	3.7	10.7
705.40	Northern Elec	573	+ 4	...	4.7	8.3
464.20	Nthn Ireland	162	+12	...	4.4	9.5
982.70	Norweb	569	+17	20.0	4.4	8.8
3,022.40	PowerGen	386	- 1½	...	5.4	10.2
2,872.00	Scottish Power	2529	+ 7	...	4.0	13.1
736.40	Seeboard	978	+ 8	...	4.3	9.5
604.50	Sth Wales	595	...	...	4.7	9.9
658.60	Sth Western	535	+10	...	4.7	12.8
1,446.70	Southern Elec	536	- 2	...	4.6	9.8
1,150.50	Yorkshire Elec	955	+ 7	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32.70	Aitken Hume	54 †	+ 3	1.0	2.3	∞
22.30	BwPa	134	+14	...	3.2	10.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38.50	Alexon	87 †	- 2	...	3.6	...
61.40	Amber Day	70	...	3.1	5.5	19.2
971.20	Argos Plc	332	+17	...	2.7	22.7
21.80	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
246.60	Ashley (Laura)	105	+ 1	0.1	0.1	...
234.60	Asprey	294	+ 1	5.1	2.2	20.4
30.50	Austin Reed	129	+ 4	...	3.4	...
71.90	Bentalls Cl 'A'	156	+ 7	...	4.8	15.6
44.00	Bestsalls	105	+ 4	1.9	3.3	...
295.50	Bellerware	251	+ 1	...	1.0	30.0
11.40	Blacks Leis	36 †	+ ½	2.2	7.8	...
376.30	Body Shop	301	- 9	...	1.1	25.9
105.70	Brown & Jackson	16½	+ ½	...	0.6	8.2
296.90	Brown (N)	393	+12	...	2.2	23.1
1,150.40	Burton	82	+ 2	...	3.0	...
24.10	Cantors	145	+ 5	...	3.5	19.3
37.00	Church	343	...	12.6	4.6	30.5
26.00	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
1,483.90	Coats Viyella	344	...	...	3.7	28.7
30.50	Colourvision a	101 †	+ 8	5.6	6.9	18.1
171.30	Courts Furnish	390	+21	5.5	1.4	23.8
2.16	Crown Eyes a	135 †	- ½	...	6.5	∞
2,108.60	Daily Farm Int	157	- 2	...	2.8	19.0
104.20	Dewhirst (JJ)	83	+ 4	1.0	1.5	26.6
686.00	Dixons Grp	258	+ 1	...	3.4	...
863.10	Dunnhill	163	+21	8.1	2.6	15.2
0.17	EDA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	+25	16.0	3.0	17.8
17.60	Essex Farm	154	- 7	...	2.2	26.1
175.00	Etam	268	+ 9	6.9	3.2	24.6
470.60	Fine Art Dev	502	+ 6	12.7	2.7	19.3
2.22	First Earth Tiles	39	+ 1	...	...	...
16.70	Formfitter	543	+ 5	14.0	3.2	8.7
23.30	French Conn a	147	+10	...	...	...
26.30	Gent SR	73	+ 2	2.0	3.4	21.4
14.50	Goldsmiths Gp	66	+ 2	0.7	0.8	...
201.60	GUS	3700	+75	...	1.5	29.0
5,050.40	-do- 'A'	3090	+72	...	2.7	16.3
3.83	Hampden Grps	32	+ 1	...	3.9	15.9
63.90	Hanscombe	61	+ 1	2.0	10.1	11.8
30.20	Harrison Ple	25	...	...	...	...
3.18	Heritage a	72	...	...	...	...
5.36	Honeysuckle a	69	- 2	...	1.9	9.6
30.20	Hornby	121 †	+ 2	...	2.5	17.4
11.50	Jacques Vert	68½	+17	...	12.5	...
1,448.10	Kingfisher	488	+10	...	2.2	22.5
23.90	Leslie Wise Gp	69 †	+ ½	4.0	7.2	14.3
174.40	Lyons Chem	479	+ 7	5.9	2.8	16.1
99.30	Liberty	580	...	...	7.2	1.6
314.90	Lloyds Chem	267	- 1	5.5	2.6	10.3
111.10	MFI	197½	+14	...	3.4	18.8
10,099.80	Marks Spencer	365	- 3½	...	2.8	20.0
393.60	Mercies (John)	528	+ 6	...	2.6	14.8
37.70	Moss Bros	329	...	...	3.6	26.5
252.80	Next	204	+ 3	2.5	1.5	24.4
9.10	Oliver (G)	36	+ 3	...	...	...
155.70	Oriflame Intl	262 †	- 8	...	4.1	14.3
59.00	Pentos	41	- 8	1.5	4.6	8.5
82.50	OS Hldgs	210	- 4	5.1	3.1	15.0
111.10	Ramsdn's Group	58	+ 1	...	...	...
18.20	Rhino Grps	357	+ 1	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154	+ 2	...	2.1	13.9
1,741.70	Sears	115	+ 2	...	3.8	...
1,330.30	Smith WH 'A'	477	+ 5	13.4	3.5	16.8
2.18	Spectateyes a	14	...	...	...	...
941.40	Storehouse	258	+ 3	...	2.7	20.5
102.90	T B & S Stores	161	+ 4	3.0	4.6	12.0
76.90	Tie Rack	149	+ 1	1.0	0.8	34.4
120.20	Time Products	228	+ 7	7.5	4.1	19.7
7.97	Usher (Frankln)	114	+ 6	...	5.5	9.0
18.70	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
2.54	Wensums a	34	...	...	6.7	...
355.70	Wickes	116	+ 2	...	0.2	51.4
5.91	Wld of Leather a	99	...	...	...	...
54.80	Wyevale a	178	- 5	...	2.9	23.5
5.79	Xtra-vision a	34	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331.90	ACT Group	180	- 3	...	3.5	18.1
34.00	Acal a	235	- 2	...	3.4	16.4
60.70	Acorn Comps a	105	- 4	...	...	53.2
49.10	Admiral	455	+ 8	5.4	1.5	19.2
72.20	Alba	156	+ 5	...	4.0	19.1
11.30	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
203.40	Amstrad	75	...	0.4	...	...
14.30	App Holos a	68	- 1	...	...	...
11.10	Arlen	37	- 1	...	...	...
209.30	Aztec	68	+ 1½	...	...	1.1
23.00	Beales Hunter	243 †	+ 3	9.4	4.8	∞
4.77	Bennett & Fount	4½	...	...	...

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Market seeks security at Rentokil

CLIVE Thompson's Rentokil, the pest control to environmental services group that has been a stock market star in recent years, reports its interim trading results this week.

However, the spotlight is likely to return to its £76 million acquisition last month of Securiguard, the security group, with analysts seeking to be convinced the group did not pay top dollar.

"People will be wanting to know if Rentokil needs acquisitions to keep its 20 per cent annual profit growth going, and what underlying organic growth is," said David Allchurch at James Capel. On the trading front, the market expects Rentokil to reveal interim pre-tax profits on Thursday of between £58 million and £68 million. UBS forecasts £61 million profit, up 20 per cent on last time's figure of £51.1 million.

The broker thinks the dividend will edge up to 0.7p (0.6p). Growth is expected in the UK and US, albeit with some flatness in Continental Europe.

TODAY

There is a broad range of City forecasts, from £14 million to £25 million, for interim profits at **WPP**, the advertising agency group. This compares with profits of £14.5 million last time.

Lorna Tilbian, at Warburg, is in the middle of the range with £21.25 million. At the annual meeting in June, the company said revenues were up 5 per cent in consistent currencies. Ms Tilbian commented that analysts would be interested to see if this was being sustained.

Interims: Copymore, Finsbury Small Companies, Guinness Peat, Hibernian, Holmes Protection, WPP.
Finals: Aerospace Engineering, Stanelco.

TOMORROW

The forecasting function has been made fuzzier at **Medeva**, the drugs company, following its profits warning last month. The group said profits were likely to fall £10 million shy of existing forecasts because of stock problems at an American offshoot.

Some analysts are now pencilling in £17 million interim profits, against £14.1 million last time, with the dividend expected to nudge up from 0.75p to 1p. Mark Clark, at Nomura, is predicting full-year earnings of £42 million.
Interims: Amicable Smaller Enterprises Trust, Bournemouth Water, Bridon, Graseby, Invesco, Kerry Group, Medeva, Mersey Docks & Harbour, Monument Oil & Gas, Murray International Trust, Navan Resources, Newcastle Building Society, Riva Group, Scottish Eastern Investment Trust, Sunleigh, TR High Income Trust, Wace Group, Wates City of London Properties, West Hampshire Water.
Finals: Beatrix Mines, River & Mercantile Smaller.

WEDNESDAY

Robert Snaith, at Strauss Turnbull, expects **WH Smith**, the high street retailer, to unveil full-year taxable profits of £110 million. This is towards the top end of forecasts, which start at around £100 million and compare with profits last time of £112.7 million.

Investors are particularly interested as to what WH Smith will say about Do It All, its ill-starred joint DIY venture with Boots. WH Smith's share of losses from the business are expected to almost double, to £12 million, following robust competition from B & Q and Texas Homecare. A maintained total dividend for the year of 13.4p is predicted by NatWest Securities.

Interims: Aegis Group, Burlington Group, S Daniels, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, Hemingway Properties, Hickson International, Independent Newspapers, Mayflower Corporation, Sandvik AB, The Telegraph, Victaulic, James Wilkes.
Finals: News International, Property Trust, WH Smith Group.
Economic statistics: New construction orders (June).

THURSDAY

Guardian Royal Exchange will be the latest composite insurer to re-emerge from the red. Analysts are predicting historic pre-tax profits of between £50 million and £65 million at the interim stage, after losses of £39 million last time.

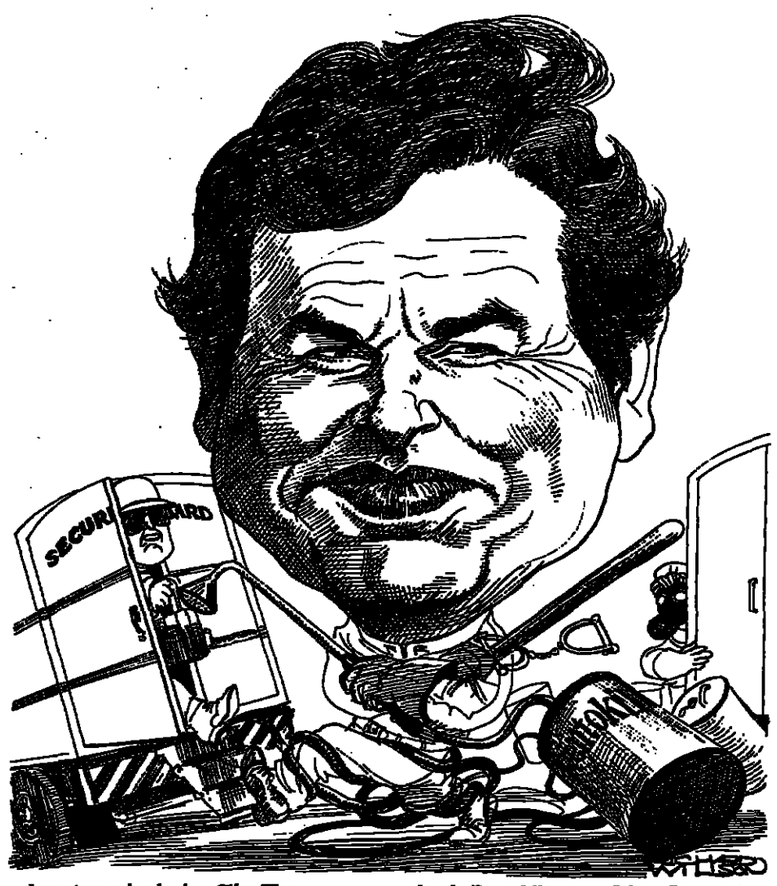
For the first time, GRE will also give a pre-tax profits figure including investment gains. NatWest Securities believes this will push up profits to £140 million and that the interim dividend will increase by 6 per cent, to 2.65p (2.5p).

Slough Estates will announce half-time profits of £33 million to £34 million, predicts David Tunstall, at Smith New Court. Last year, it made £33.6 million at the halfway stage. He believes the dividend will be 3.10p, up 5 per cent.
Interims: Bostrom, Cattle's (Holdings), Church & Co, EFT Group, Gibbs & Dandy, Guardian Royal Exchange, Hambro Countrywide, Mallett, Alfred McAlpine, Merlin International Green Investment Trust, Pentland Group, Rentokil, Slough Estates, Weir Group.
Finals: Genbel Investments, Murray Income Trust, Primadona.
Economic statistics: National accounts advance annual estimates (1992); engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (June); energy trends (June).

FRIDAY

Interims: British Assets Trust (Q3), Coutts Consulting, Lec Refrigeration, London & Overseas Freighters, Scottish Investment Trust (Q3), Shorco Group Holdings.
Finals: Minerals Oils & Resources, Surrey Group, West Trust.
Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (August); new vehicle registrations (July).

PHILIP PANGALOS



Investors ask whether Clive Thompson can maintain Rentokil's powerful profit growth

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BTR wins £55m order from aircraft builders

BTR has won a £55 million contract from Indonesia's aircraft industry to provide parts for its new N250 64-passenger turboprop regional aircraft. Dunlop Aviation Division, part of BTR, will provide tyres, wheels, steel brakes and brake control and anti-skid systems for the aircraft, to be assembled at Bandung, Indonesia. Dunlop is working with Aircraft Braking Systems Corporation, of Akron, Ohio, on the wheels and brakes and with Magnaghi, of Italy, on brake and anti-skid systems. The contract will run for the life of the N250.
☐ BTR's US Motors Group is spending $10 million on a new factory in Michigan, employing 120 and making permanent magnet motors. BTR's Eaton Technologies will build it.

Ladbroke silent on Stein

LADBROKE Group, the hotels and bookmakers combine, is refusing to make any comment on speculation about the imminent retirement of Cyril Stein, the chairman and the man largely responsible for its existence. Mr Stein turned 65 earlier this year. It is, however, thought unlikely, contrary to City rumour, that Mr Stein will announce his retirement when Ladbroke reports its interim figures on September 2. Insiders say that Mr Stein is still fit and active and fully involved in the running of the group, and is not thought to be considering standing down.

Fake cash dispensers

FRENCH police have given warning of a network of fake automatic cash dispensers that have been rigged to steal bank cards, pin codes and money. About 100 people have been victims of the crime in Paris since April. The method involves mounting Cash dispensers with a fake slit to put the card in and a false keyboard. The real keyboard underneath does not receive the code and the customer wanders off, without money and without a card, assuming the machine has swallowed it up. The thief then returns, takes the card and the fake keyboard that has registered the code to go with it.

SA's downturn 'easing'

SOUTH Africa's underlying economic trends are only slightly better, in spite of a number of more optimistic indicators, while the decline in activity is merely levelling out, rather than being reversed, the country's reserve bank says in its annual economic report today. "Uncertainties arising from the process of constitutional negotiations, intermittent civil unrest and violence, a generally weak international economy, and the widespread drought in 1991-2 prolonged the downturn," it says. Inflation shows "very promising indications" and greater price stability may be ahead, it says.

GILTEDGED

Bull market rally moves into its fortieth month

Investors in the gilt market have enjoyed a good run. The bull market rally is now into its fortieth month, during which time ten-year gilt yields have fallen by almost one half from their peak of 13¼ per cent in April 1990. Gilt yields are at their lowest levels for 25 years, and the key question now for investors is how long can this last.

The current bull market has already run for a year longer than average. Yet there is little uniformity about the duration of bond yield cycles in the UK.

For example, after the December 1981 peak, gilt yields did not trough definitively until April 1986. Moreover, by the standards of the 1960s, when inflation was last this low, gilt yields at current levels would at that time have been viewed as being historically high.

The one regularity about all gilt market cycles is that yields have typically bottomed just before the trough in retail price inflation is recorded. Notwithstanding the long lag between the economic cycle and inflation, as the recovery in economic activity becomes more secure, the day approaches when inflation will start to pick up and, with it, gilt yields.

Indeed, after last week's slight increase in inflation from 1.2 per cent to 1.4 per cent, the consensus view now seems to be that headline inflation has passed its trough.

That may be so, but it is arguably the path of core inflation, abstracting from the distortions caused by changes in mortgage rates, which should be more important for gilt market investors. Core inflation has been on a steady downward trend since late 1990 and yet ever since Britain left the ERM last September, most forecasters have been hesitant about projecting a continuing fall.

This is surprising given the clear historical evidence that inflation pressures in the UK tend to diminish for as long as there is a considerable degree of slack in the economy, as there surely still is.

Nowhere is this innate pessimism on inflation more evident than in the Bank of England's own inflation report. The August report contained

> 'The only serious black cloud on the horizon is the worryingly high level of the PSBR'

lower projections than those in May, but this represented little more than a response to the better than expected outturn over the past three months.

In each of the three inflation reports published, the Bank has been reluctant to forecast a further improvement in inflation from prevailing levels, and in each case this has been proved too pessimistic. More generally, the trend is still for forecasters to lower inflation projections.

With core inflation at about 3 per cent in the UK and unlikely to move significantly higher over the next two years, real yields of about 4 per cent still seem high, especially with real yields in the US, Germany and Japan all within a range of 2.5-3.5 per cent. Higher real yields in the UK could be attributable to continued pessimism about long-term UK inflation prospects. If so, there is probably still be scope for gilt yields to move lower over the next few months.

The only serious black cloud on the horizon is the worryingly high level of the PSBR. Further action to reduce the PSBR is required in the Budget, but the room for manoeuvre is very limited. The existing public spending plans are already very tough for 1994-5 and beyond, and realistically there is little scope for these to be pared back.

Yet the right wing of the Conservative party seems quite capable of causing difficulties for the government if the Chancellor goes too far on taxes. It must be tempting politically for the prime minister and Chancellor to conclude that it is best to leave well alone in the Budget and hope that the PSBR falls faster than everyone expects, especially as some undershoot is likely in the current year.

Fiscal inaction would be disappointing for the gilt market. But the Budget is still three months off and no final decisions on its content will yet have been reached.

Meanwhile, in the absence of negative inflation surprises or a major correction in global bond markets, gilts are likely to continue to fare well.

DAVID WALTON
Goldman Sachs International

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5100 (+0.0518)
German mark
2.5379 (+0.0393)
Exchange index
81.5 (+1.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2384.1 (+23.4)
FT-SE 100
3057.6 (+47.5)
New York Dow Jones
3615.48 (+45.83)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20607.26 (137.91)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

EMILIA
(b) Iago's wife, a simple soul whose affection is reserved not for her husband but for her mistress, Desdemona. As the action of the play progresses, this affection drives her to stand up to Othello, to a general disgust with men's treatment of women, and finally to hysterical frenzy when she discovers Iago's treachery and Othello's guilt.

LUCIUS
(a) In *Timon of Athens*, a false friend of Timon's whose excuse for not lending him money is that he has unfortunately spent it all the day before: "What a wicked beast I was to disfurnish myself against such a good time, when I might ha' shown myself honourable."

POLIXENES
(a) In the first act of *The Winter's Tale*, Polixenes is a young and personable king, visiting his childhood friend, Leontes, and making polite, innocent conversation with Queen Hermione, only to be accused of adultery and forced to flee for his life. In the second half of the play, 16 years later, he is a father furious that his son (Florizel) is in love with a shepherdess.

AEGEON
(c) *The Comedy of Errors*, an aged, sad old man. At the start of the play, he explains at excessive length how his sons were parted as babies in a shipwreck. At the end of the play he is reunited with both of them and with his long-lost wife, the abbess.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
White sacrificed his queen to give a beautiful checkmate. 1 Qxd4! cxd4 2 Rf7+ Kh8 3 Nxg6+ Kg8 4 Rg7.

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

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Enforcers battle to bring the market manipulators to book

Convictions for City crimes are frustratingly low. An SIB initiative may be the only way to more effective policing, Angela Mackay argues

Consider the following scenario. A client who is well-known to and, more importantly, friendly with several stockbroking houses every couple of weeks embarks on a seemingly random buying and selling spree. The punter mostly buys shares in just one company and always in the last two days of the account period. If one were to monitor his telephone calls we would find that when he buys shares he asks his broker to book them in one account and then sells them and immediately buys another chunk and books the new parcel in a different account. He repeats this pattern with several brokers. What our punter is doing is creating an artificial market in these shares using a technique called "cashing and newing", while deferring payment until the end of the next account.

Observers will assume there is steady, widespread interest in the company and that the share price is stronger than it is. A floor has been put under the share price, which he could whip away at any time, leaving his fellow shareholders to bear the cost of a sharp dive in the price.

The sharebuyer is a market manipulator who is as difficult to catch in the act as a gambler who counts cards, and it is these patterns of behaviour and their consequences that make up a large proportion of the investigations carried out by the Stock Exchange surveillance team. Public awareness of insider trading came after films such as *Wall Street* and the trials of Ivan Boesky and Robert Milken in America. Market manipulation is more difficult to identify and almost impossible to pin down. The above scenario is loosely based on the Leonard Lee case, but Mr Lee, former chairman of Poddington, is one of the few successful prosecutions under section 47 the Financial Services Act.

Mike Feltham, who leads the stock exchange surveillance unit, says: "In 95 per cent of the unit's cases we cannot compile sufficient evidence to prosecute but we never close those files."

Mr Feltham's 19-strong unit works on between ten and 20 cases at one time, but has between ten and 60 new ones referred to it each week from inside and outside the exchange. They pick over hundreds of transactions a month, but only a small proportion of these warrant further enquiry.

What particularly concerns Mr Feltham and his team is the growing effect of secondary markets on the cash market and how options and futures can be a remote but effective means of market manipulation. Secondary markets are regulated by the Securities and Futures Authority not the exchange and the SFA's focus is on the member/client relationship not the operation of the market.

Recent amendments to the Criminal Justice Act bringing Britain's laws on insider trading within an EC directive are expected to widen the basis of prosecution and make convictions more difficult to obtain. Mr Feltham thinks the legislation may make life harder for those who operate within the letter of the law and easier for those who want to break it. Under the new law, the prosecution must prove criminal intent to obtain a conviction.



Mike Feltham finds insufficient evidence in 95 per cent of cases

In May, Paul Myners chairman of Gartmore, the investment group, called for a radical review of insider dealing. He accused the stock market of being superficial in its investigations and said he was concerned that "theft is taking place doing a great deal of damage to confidence in our financial institutions". Mr Myners told *The Times* that the exchange should "really put the frighteners on people". Most brokers and other market participants have a pattern of behaviour that is easily tracked, he said, and when that pattern is broken then the exchange should take an active interest.

Among institutional investors, the practice of "front running" is also causing concern. Front running is where market-makers take a position in a company just before the release of a strong buy or sell note from the house analyst. Naturally, the position assumed is favourable to the house book.

Mr Myners said he was annoyed that there is such blatant abuse in the City and believes Mr Feltham's unit should pursue the practitioners of front running much more vigorously.

In America, front running is a criminal offence. In Britain, it is sanctioned by SFA rules. Under these rules, it is possible to adjust a book position to facilitate client needs.

One market-maker said he was not bothered by front running. "Even if we are not told a day in advance what might be in the note, the entire trading floor is told over the loud speaker at least one hour before the note hits the street. It's only natural that we should know what our own analysts are saying before the rest of the world."

Market-makers, on the other hand, are concerned that the screws may be tightened too much. The draft of Part 5 of the Criminal Justice Act, which is yet to be implemented, was amended in response to City fears that the law would interfere with market operations. One market-maker suggested that if control was too rigorous, market volatility could be increased. "Finance directors and other senior executives who brief brokers are becoming increasingly tight-lipped, making it very difficult for the market to keep abreast. This could lead to more shocks when bad news hits the market," he added.

Despite complaints about City surveillance, there is almost unanimous belief in self-regulation. David Manning, director of equities at Legal & General, believes the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the body for City regulators, and the exchange should have greater powers of enforcement. "It's a matter of pitting the law courts against self-regulation. Courts are expensive, time-consuming and, in cases of insider trading and market manipulation, likely to be unsuccessful at obtaining conviction," he said.

Certainly, the number of convictions has been frustratingly low. In the first ten years after insider dealing became an offence in 1980, the exchange referred 180 cases to the trade and industry department. Of these, 26 came to court and ten convictions were obtained. Based on Mr Feltham's estimate that 95 per cent of his investigations stall for lack of crucial evidence, the number of referrals to the DTI could have been well over 3,000.

The Blue Arrow affair concentrated many minds. A compliance officer at one of the City's biggest stockbroking houses said: "I would say vigilance has increased ten-fold in the wake of Blue Arrow. I investigate and refer many more matters than before, but there is still a feeling that this does little to bring an offender to book."

If the SIB and the exchange have their way, they will have greater powers of detection and enforcement of the sort David Manning has advocated.

In his review of financial services regulation, Andrew Large, SIB's chairman, points out that there is no point in having a "macho" SIB unless it has the ability to be an enforcer. Mr Large spoke of giving greater priority to prosecutions in the hope that this would provide a deterrent. He promised to use SIB's powers under sections 59 and 60 of the Financial Services Act, which ban individuals from the industry and publicly criticise. Neither of these powers has yet been used. "I have found a number of commentators now suggesting there should be a central 'policeman' in the City to oversee a variety of areas, eg, fraud, market manipulation, and insider dealing ... SIB would clearly be a candidate for such a role, and should be ready to contemplate taking on additional responsibilities," Mr Large said.

That "central policeman" has also been referred to by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the exchange. Mr Feltham says a central enforcement agency would be welcome, but to set it up on its own would take legislation.

A central enforcement agency is not on any political agenda, so an SIB initiative is likely to be the only way of establishing a body to draw information from self-regulators together and produce more effective policing, enforcement and prosecution. Mr Myners suggested the press should do its bit and publish the "most suspicious share movement of the week". We are still trying to revive our in-house lawyer after putting the idea to him.

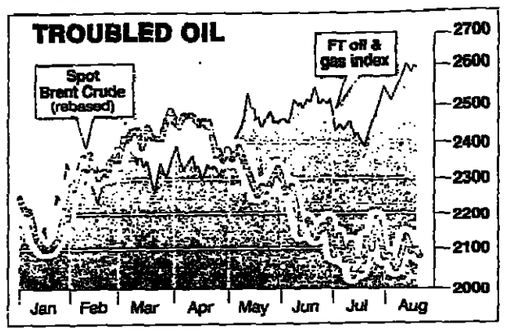
TEMPUS

Sticky time for oil

FEARS that Iraq will resume oil exports dealt a blow to the oil price in July but the prospect of an initial 500,000 barrels per day is merely an added worry to a market already suffering from excess production.

Prices have not recovered to their pre-June level of $18.50 per barrel and are now trailing below $17. Opec needs to cut output at its September meeting but some sceptical analysts are already pencilling in a dip in the price to $15 for the fourth quarter.

Opec is pumping out almost 1 million barrels a day in excess of the quota ceiling and the club has the sticky job of reining in oil output at a time when some members are demanding increased quotas. Added to that is the problem of agreeing a level for Kuwait, the production of which is not subject to quota but is expected to rise to more than 2 million bpd as the oil price declines. Past attempts by Opec producers to grab a bigger market share have been thwarted by the Saudis but times have changed. The kingdom's finances have been stretched by the Gulf war, leaving the prospect of Saudi Arabia gleefully pumping oil into a falling price less credible.



Depressed crude prices have not prevented major oil stocks from enjoying a bull run and outperforming the market as a whole since the beginning of the year. Much of the rise in the sector average has to do with market hopes for the recovery of two heavily weighted companies: BP, despite its sensitivity to crude prices, and British Gas, which has been buoyed by its high yield and speculation ahead of the MMC reports. Exploration and production specialists have lagged behind but many are still trading at premiums to net asset value and the market has not fully taken on board the likely effect of an Opec deadlock at next month's meeting.

Investors in energy stocks need to think laterally. One strategy is to stop dwelling on crude oil prices and buy into gas-rich companies, such as Shell. Gas has no big spot market; its price is based on long-term supply agreements negotiated between gas E&P companies and national distributors. Demand for gas, a clean fuel, is rising worldwide and few companies have the technology and cash to invest in the plants and vessels needed to transport liquified natural gas. Environmental concerns should also lead investors to consider refining prospects. Some 15 per cent of European refining capacity will need to be upgraded or shut down by 1997 if EC directives on clean fuel are enforced. The costs of upgrading are almost prohibitive and refining capacity is likely to shrink by at least 5 per cent, with those left reaping the reward of a doubling of margins from their currently depressed $2.50 per barrel.

European stocks offer the best route into better refining margins. Companies most likely to benefit from reduced capacity without incurring big clean-up costs are Austria's OMV and Spain's Repsol.

Japan

JAPANESE financial markets are at a crossroads. For the past two months, share prices have been building a solid base for the Nikkei index to break decisively back up through 21,000, after two previous attempts failed early in May and June.

Foreign buying, especially from America, has played a part. There lies the conundrum, for much of the appeal to overseas portfolio investors has lain in the rising yen. Thursday's somewhat surprising intervention by the New York Fed, if it really proves good for Japanese corporate profits, must remove that appeal for the moment.

The authorities bought dollars in the wake of a tumble on the announcement of America's worst monthly trade gap since 1987 — much of it statistically accounted for by trade with Japan. But the US Treasury explained its support of the dollar/yen rate in terms of G7 solidarity.

Stopping Japan's recovery and import power going into reverse was more important than gaining a further price advantage for American goods. If believed, that suggests a greater commitment to co-operate with the Bank of Japan in halting the yen's rise decisively than would be entailed by mere short-term cooling of an overheated market.

Whatever the long-term tide of economic reality, this could stop the yen becoming interchangeable with an American cent at least until the turn of the forex merry-go-round. Meanwhile, foreigners' exchange gains on Japanese bonds and equities could quickly become prospective losses somewhat worse than last week's.

Back in Tokyo, that would be good news long overdue. While share prices have been recovering from their drop of more than 50 per cent in 1990-92, corporate profits are under the cosh so that price/earnings ratios are almost back to silly boomtime levels. Commonsensically, the corporate sector needs a sustained exchange rate above 110 yen to the dollar to begin to justify even current prices.

That has not stopped the Nikkei before, with or without foreigners. What is not clear is whether the old managed market mechanism that made asset prices an independent force has survived politico-financial disgrace and reform. Friday's initial reaction to the supposed yen reversal was a moderate fall but stock market unrealities should reassert themselves.

Cadbury

CADBURY Schweppes certainly put some fizz into the market with its purchase of a further 20 per cent stake in Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, the American carbonated drinks manufacturer.

While Cadbury shares initially rose 7p, those of mooted Cadbury takeover target United Biscuits fell by 8p. However, UB must be relieved that the City can now strike at least one of its many speculated predators off the list.

The rise in Cadbury's share price looks justified. Before the deal Cadbury had only a meagre 3.4 per cent of the all-important $47 billion American soft drinks market. It now owns a quarter of a company that accounts for more than 10 per cent.

It has gained that foothold at a reasonable price. The $231 million purchase, equivalent to $19 a share, was only a 9.4 per cent premium to the market price. It could not have acquired UB so cheaply. Medium-term debt will rise, but gearing is still only 43 per cent and interest is covered 7 times.

BUSINESS LETTER

Bank limits on working capital frustrate small firms

From Mr Christopher Smith

Sir, It is generally accepted and indeed proving to be the case that this country's smaller businesses are leading us out of the recession through their growth and thereby assisting in the reduction of the high level of unemployment by employing some of the vast pool of wasting talent and experience.

Our experience is similar to that expressed in the letters column last week.

We established in 1986 and through good practice achieved turnover increases in the order of 50 per cent year on year. That was until last year, which was disastrous and set us back four years in terms of turnover and even more in profit.

However, we survived and the turnover point came last November. Since then we are on target for our best turnover since 1986 and will exceed £100,000. Margins are still exceptionally tight in this very competitive sector. Our staffing level has naturally had to increase to enable us to achieve this and all the new members were taken from the current unemployment register locally. They have proved not only to be highly skilled but loyal and conscientious.

However we as well are greatly restricted and frustrated by too little working capital for this level of turnover. In addition we also bear prohibitive and punitive charges by the bank.

Currently we have a £12,000 working overdraft limit. We really require twice this level to function properly and make further steady growth. This request is consistently refused by the bank even though there is more than sufficient collateral to secure it. Furthermore our current overdraft is reviewed on a monthly basis whilst this business is planning and quoting for works up to 12 and 18 months hence.

Our bank charges for the first six months of this year are almost £3,000 compared with just over £2,000 for the whole of the last year and under £1,000 for the year before.

This situation is caused by punitive charges levied for being in excess of the agreed limit, which it is admitted is far too low. What are we to do: refuse the additional business which we can well cope with and lay off staff, thereby increasing the unemployment register again?

It leads me to believe there is a vested interest by the banks in keeping working capital low solely for the purpose of generating additional charges.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank, stated at the announcement of the bank's half-year results that he was "concerned" about customer confidence and relations.

I suggest he talks to small businesses and also checks to see how many of them have moved and are moving away from the clearing bank system and are making alternative arrangements with the building societies. These people will never return. The cost savings far outweigh the small inconvenience and the counter staff attitude and continuity is quite refreshing.

After all, a business survives only on its customers. The customer is the only one that pays the wages. No business can run without them. Lose them and you have a very severe problem indeed.

Yours sincerely,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Back in business — in Hong Kong

PETER Green, former head of international operations at James Capel, has resurfaced in Hong Kong — four months after the stockbroker was rocked by three top-level resignations, including his own. He has joined Morgan Grenfell, with responsibility for international sales of Asian products, in particular Thailand and Indonesia. Based initially in Hong Kong, he will also take on the task of building up the firm's London-based sales desk, and is to establish a sales desk in New York. Green, together with James Fergusson, then Capel managing director, and John Webster, head of the New York office, resigned in April after an investigation into the collapse of New Europe Hotels (NEH), a venture capital company that aimed to invest in hotels in the former communist bloc. Capel, which placed two tranches of NEH shares and had two seats on the board, felt obliged to pay up to £16 million in compensation to investors. The firm has never revealed the reason for the resignations, but speculation focused on the failure of NEH, which went into liquidation last year. Green was in charge of the New York office at the time of the NEH placings. Bob Benton, former head of UK institutional equities at Capel, was promoted to managing director after the three departures. Duncan Agar became head of international operations, excluding Europe, and Peter Maynard was made president of James Capel New York.



"Flotation is not until October Miss Jenkins"

Running for cover

WORKPLACE violence is on the rise in America, with more and more anxious employees now lashing out at their bosses with unexpected physical abuse, at least according to Pinkertons, whose own executives appear to be among the few unworried by the new trend. For the security firm, it means big business. Halsey Fisher, the firm's vice-president, says requests for protection from top executives have jumped by 75 per cent this year. The firm, which has just surveyed America's 100 top companies, discovered that violence in the workplace now ranks sixth on a list of directors' biggest worries. Two years ago it wasn't even on the list. Banking executives have traditionally been most at risk, but Pinkertons says executives in all sectors are now worried. Executive bathrooms are being turned into fire-proof, bullet-proof "safe rooms", drivers are doubling up as bodyguards, and mobile "panic buttons" are being installed. General Motors has set up a guard house outside the Michigan home of Jack Smith, its chief executive. Ford, meanwhile, provides its chief executive, Harold Poling, with a special "escape route" from all public events.

Holiday job

SPARE a thought for stockbrokers at Panmure Gordon. Next bank holiday Monday, they will be coming in to the deserted Square Mile to help in the move to new City premises at 35 New Broad Street, EC2. Panmure, now based off Moorfields, has been looking for different premises for well over a year. "These were too good to miss. They are upgraded premises at a lower rental," one insider says. The loss of a bank holiday, it seems, is not too high a price to pay. "This way we will be up and running at the new premises first thing on Tuesday the 31st," says another.

HYPERBOLE reigned in last week's note about Deryck Maughan's riches. Maughan, the Durham coalminer's son who heads Salomon Brothers Inc, has been making $10,000 a day on paper from his Salomon shares, giving him a gain of $200,000 in 20 days.

Master of all

AS HIS recently published autobiography reveals, Lord Goodman has led a full and varied life. Equally diverse is the list of his directorships. These include Triangle Arts Trust, Bury Street Holdings, Epsom Grand Stand Association, Hazlitt Holdings, Henry Greaves & Co, Institute of Jewish Affairs, Henry Moore Foundation, J C Trust, J M Stone & Company, Motability Race Course Holdings, Sandown Park Ltd, and the Trebor Trust Company ... Clearly a jack, and a master, of all trades.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (72205)
7.00 Breakfast News (44143052)
9.05 Hangar 17. Fun for children (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4483897) **9.35 All About Us.** Sarah Greene presents highlights from *Going Live!* (s) (2621168)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1699014) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3514781) **10.25 Lassie** Canine adventures (r) (5517675)
11.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8076101) **11.05** ***The High Chaparral*** (r) (5946897) **11.55 For the Love of It.** The Fever, a country music group, is motivated by passion rather than profit (9904439)
12.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5392656) **12.05 Pop Goes the Summer.** Ross King talks to the singer Julio Iglesias (s) (2020588) **12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics.** Nick Owen presents coverage from Sheffield (8051052) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71024762)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax) Weather (21323)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (80778588)
1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (80772304)
2.15 For the Term of His Natural Life. The first of a three-part Australian drama (r). (Ceefax) (669101)
3.45 Bazaar. Tips on sewing, taking the financial pain out of divorce, swimming and cooking (s) (5746255)
4.10 Children's BBC: The Adventures of Skippy (s) (2790149) **4.35 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (3608323) **5.00 Newsround** (2804439) **5.10 The Lowdown** on drugs (r). (Ceefax) (3540472)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (309168). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster (309168)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (410)
6.30 Regional news magazines (762). **Northern Ireland**: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Hunters in the Wild: Whistling Hunters. Dholes, or Indian wild dogs, are expert trackers in the pursuit of prey (r). (Ceefax) (5236)

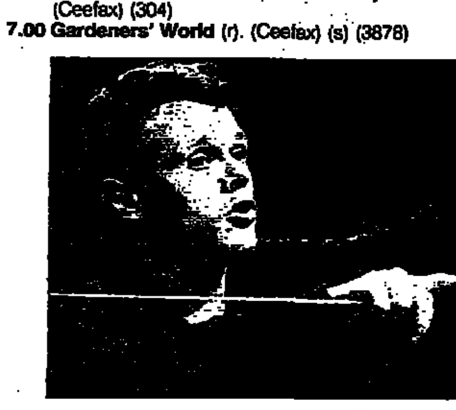


It's been grand: Brian Clough (7.30pm)

7.30 Goodbye to Cloughie. (Ceefax) See Choice (946)
8.00 Food and Drink Choice Cuts. Chris Kelly introduces highlights from *Food and Drink* (1656)
8.30 Waiting for God. In the last in the series, Tom and Diana help Sarah to have her baby. With Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3491)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (1255)
9.30 Panorama: The Whole Truth. Gerry Northam investigates the recent trend in the British justice system to protect the accused in criminal cases (971694)
10.10 Blott on the Landscape. The concluding episode of Tom Sharpe's comic novel (r). (Ceefax) (845830). **Northern Ireland**: Gordonali (225052); 10.50-11.45 Blott on the Landscape (489323)
11.05 Come Dancing 1993. Britain v Holland. (Ceefax) (s) (143304). **Northern Ireland**: 11.45-12.20am Come Dancing 1993 (910633)
11.40 Making Advances: See You in Court. In the last of five films on sexual harassment at work, Emma Freud offers advice on legal action (937168)
12.10am Cricket: Sixth Test Highlights (s) (1494724)
12.50 Weather (6063569). Ends at **12.55. Northern Ireland.** 12.20 Making Advances (1953434). 12.50-1.30 Cricket. Sixth Test (3085163)

BBC2

7.10 Open University. Animal Physiology Breathing Deeply (7912052) **7.35** Putting IT in its Place (3020385)
8.00 Breakfast News (4696217)
8.15 Ghostwriter: To Catch a Creep. The first of a four-part story set in Brooklyn (r) (s) (1243033)
8.40 Miniature Worlds. A family of ducklings follow their mother down to the pond. Beneath the surface lurks a host of miniature monsters (r) (2179439)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé News from 1953 (2168323)
9.00 Film: Housekeeper's Daughter (1939, b/w) starring Joan Bennett and Adolphe Menjou. Crime caper in which a gangster's moll goes home to mother and becomes embroiled in solving a murder. Directed by Hal Roach (1352236)
10.20 Summer Praise. Pam Rhodes is on board HMS Victory as the Queen visits Southampton docks as part of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the British Sailor's Society (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5516946)
10.55 Cricket: Sixth Test. From the Oval, Tony Lewis introduces the final day's play between England and Australia (s) (59550878)
1.00 In the Making. A profile of blacksmith Ivan Smith (r) (21848217)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. Cartoon (r) (75294025) **1.30 King Rollo** Animation (r) (93389304)
1.35 Cricket: Sixth Test. Further coverage from the Oval (s) (25577435). Including at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50 News.** (Ceefax) and weather
6.30 Summer Wildlife. David Attenborough unravels the mysteries of the mole's secret way of life (r). (Ceefax) (304)
7.00 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3878)



Live from London: Mariss Jansons (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms – Live. Introduced by James Naughtie from the Albert Hall, London. The Oslo Philharmonic, conducted by Mariss Jansons, performs Schnittke's *(Not) a Midsummer Night's Dream*. The orchestra is joined by the Japanese virtuoso Midori in a rendition of Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*. After the interval, the concert ends with Strauss's *Alpine Symphony*. A simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (61626694)
9.50 Albert Memorial. The monument's decay and future (r) (360946)
10.00 KYTV: Speak for Yourself. Last in the satirical comedy series by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins, set in a satellite television station. With Philip Pope, Helen Atkinson Wood and Michael Fenton Stevens (r) (s) (14694)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (766174)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark presents highlights from the Edinburgh Festival (s) (154410)
11.55 Weather (359526)
12.00 A Europe of the Regions? A comparison between Sheffield and Lille (r) (s) (2433569). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE

Goodbye to Cloughie
BBC1, 7.30pm

This is a kindly portrait of Britain's longest-serving football manager, who retired this year as his club, Nottingham Forest, was humiliatingly relegated from the Premier League. The young interviewer, Paul McCrea, gets precisely nowhere when it comes to questioning Clough about a damning newspaper article of his recent performance. Yet because the raddled-looking Clough is such a character, even his stone-walling is amusing; at one stage he effectively halts all sensible conversation by saying an elaborate "hello" to McCrea's young "bairn". Clough is more candid about past rows with people in the business and the programme is fleshed out with tributes from admirers including the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An inspiring series comes to an end with a repeat of Howard Jacobson's drive through Australia from the southern town of Glenelg to Darwin in the north. An intelligent and humorous observer, he looks for opals in a mining town and makes fun of his own macho aspirations of camping in the Bush. He is at his most interesting talking about the way in which Aboriginal culture is being made palatable for white tourists. Ayers Rock was returned to the Aborigines only to be leased back so that white holidaymakers could climb up it. Meanwhile, a white tour operator shows his flock how to throw a boomerang at an Aborigine who is jumping like a kangaroo.



Medvedkin's film-train diaries of life (C4, 11.00pm)

The Last Bolshevik
Channel 4, 11.00pm

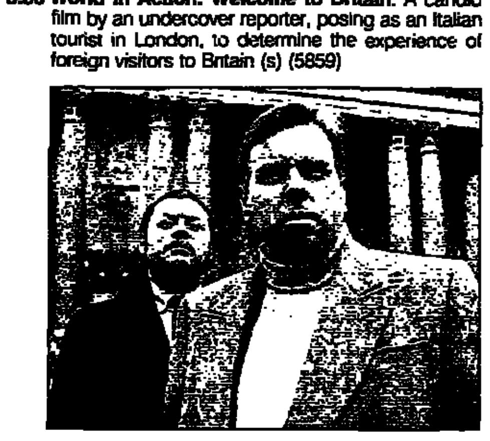
Chris Marker's labour of love looks at the life and times of a neglected Russian film-maker, Alexander Medvedkin, who died in 1989. The programme shows that there were worse fates than being neglected, for Medvedkin's heyday was during Stalin's reign of terror. A devoted communist, he still created controversial films. His 1934 satire, *Happiness*, had a peasant hero, but one who behaved outrageously. Medvedkin also established a "film-train", which travelled the country recording the work of collective farms and factories. Without meaning to, he revealed the country's disarray. A film-maker himself, Marker at times assumes a fair degree of cinematic knowledge from the viewer. The editing, which juxtaposes movie clips with historical footage, is both brilliant and occasionally confusing.

Frank Stubbs Promotes
ITV, 9.00pm

The last in this consistently enjoyable comedy-drama series sees Timothy Spall as endearing as ever in the role of the never-give-up promoter. Very nearly stealing the show however is Hywel Bennett playing Stubbs's new client, Clive Riley, a gloriously sinister prisoner turned novelist. Riley's book is a highly sellable jail story which leaves little to the imagination. The problems come when Riley gets too close to Stubbs's niece: is he a trustworthy escort? In a particularly well-structured episode, Stubbs confronts not only this worry, but also his relationship with his former wife and whether, finally, he should admit defeat in his business. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly (4633694)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon (r) (5149897) **9.50 London Today** (2956859)
9.55 Anna – Ballerina. Anna wins a scholarship (r) (s) (5706675) **10.55 News** headlines (6364120)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Animated adventures (6381897) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Danny Baker presents the celebrity game show (6351656) **11.55 London Today** (9999507)
12.00 Cartoon (7350014) **12.10 Tots TV.** For the very young (r) (s) (2045897)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (8692323) **1.05 London Today** (84481255)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (771965)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (770236)
2.15 London Wildlife Challenge. Chris Packham and Tony Hare try to match a spectrum of vibrant colours with London's wildlife (r) (s) (762217)
2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian soap (3165675) **3.10 News** headlines (1741052) **3.15 London Today** (1740323)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Dennis has trouble living with Ada (2445859)
3.50 Children's ITV: Krankies Television (r) (6627217) **4.15 The Real Ghostbusters.** Cartoon fun (r) (2784588) **4.40 Don't Try This at Home.** Highlights from the 1991 World Cinema Stunt Festival in Toulouse (r) (8992728)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2887052)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (995014)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (36304)
7.00 Jimmy's. Last in the series of real-life stories from St James's University Hospital in Leeds (s) (7584)
7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin's news adds to Sally's traumatic holiday. With Sally Whittaker and Michael Le Vell. (Teletext) (994)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell and Carol Smillie present the giant game of roulette (9052)
8.30 World in Action: Welcome to Britain. A candid film by an undercover reporter, posing as an Italian tourist in London, to determine the experience of foreign visitors to Britain (s) (5859)



Too close for comfort: Bennett, Spall (9.00pm)

9.00 Frank Stubbs Promotes. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (8897)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (84520) **10.30 London Tonight** (130033)
10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by cricketer Dennis Lillee and sports presenter Jim Rosenthal (s) (114507)
11.40 Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93. The 12th race in the series from Elkhart Lake in Wisconsin (246965)
12.40 The Beat. Music from Curve, Bivouac, US 3 and Voodoo Queens. Clint Eastwood's film, *In the Line of Fire*, is reviewed (s) (5260231)
1.40 Sport AM. The formula one powerboat championship, water-skiing and soccer (5949347)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (7143366)
3.30 Videofashion. International designers (43144)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (64637)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (48540)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (28298)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26279). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline cartoon (1753878)
6.45 Wowser. Animated canine adventures (1969033)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (11946)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy drama (28897)
9.30 Star Street. Zodiac cartoon series (r) (2615507)
9.55 Kid 'n' Play. Cartoon (r) (2623526)
10.25 Kelly. Police dog tales (r) (2966236)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Captain Haddock and Tintin help to launch a rocket to the moon (1388912)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama series. The police investigate bird-smuggling in Westport (r) (6383255)
11.50 Un Point C'est Tout. Claude Rocher's animated short on perspective (7827878)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sporting action (r) (34043)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series with Ziggy Marley and Robin Williams (r) (61781)
1.30 Bobobobs. Environmental adventures in outer-space (r) (58526)
2.00 Film: Much Too Shy (1942, b/w) starring George Formby. Talkative farce in which a village handyman's portraits of three women are sold to an advertising agency, but not before they receive a few saucy additions. With Kathleen Harrison, Hilda Bayley and Eileen Bennett. Directed by Marcel Varnel (823897)
3.40 A Dog's Life. A cartoon on canine loyalty (r) (7398014)
3.55 Garden Club. A repeat of Friday's programme on old plant varieties. (Teletext) (9730781)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (r) (255)
5.00 Presque Isle. A documentary about the attempt by the US Corps of Engineers to stop the sandspit-peninsula Presque Isle in Lake Erie from moving eastwards at a rate of 17 metres each year (r) (7217)
6.00 Batman: Smack in the Middle. Concluding a two-part story from the 1960s. The Riddler holds Robin hostage to lure Batman into a trap. Starring Adam West, Burt Ward and Jill St John (120)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series (r). (Teletext) (472)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (313033)
7.50 Comment. Paul Everitt believes that the only way to avoid traffic jams is to build more roads (940385)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. *Mike warns Peter to stay away from Beth.* (Teletext) (s) (7694)
8.30 Evening Shade: Busted. American comedy about a retired footballer, starring Burt Reynolds. Ava (Marilu Henner) is forced to close down the local strip joint where her future mother-in-law (Linda Gehringer) is the lead attraction (s) (6101)



A gem of the outback: Jacobson (9.00pm)

9.00 Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz (r) (Teletext) See Choice (6439)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in America's Deep South starring Sam Waterston and Regina Taylor. (Teletext) (s) (9526)
11.00 Film: The Last Bolshevik (1993, b/w). See Choice (33749526). Ends at **1.15am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5149697) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84481255) **2.15** An Invitation to Remember (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **5.10-5.40** Champions (2887052) **6.00** Home and Away (782743) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (657694) **10.30** Anglia News (130033) **10.40** Indycar '93 (114507) **11.40** Crime Story (246965) **12.40am** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport AM (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427366) **4.30** Rivera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Ferdinand the Bull and Mickey (5149897) **1.05pm** Central News (84481255) **1.15** A Country Practice (771965) **1.45** Home and Away (770236) **2.15** Right or Wrong (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2445659) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2887052) **6.00** Home and Away (782743) **6.25-7.00** Central News (657694) **10.30** Central News (130033) **10.40** Film. Weekend of Terror (3970269) **12.00am** Film. Stunts Unlimited (8961927) **1.20** The Beat (2277547) **2.20** Musical Routes (9839618) **2.55** *60 Minutes* (6716786) **3.45** Jobfinder (6728694) **5.05** Take 15 (6802502) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9580182)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Zorro (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84481255) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (762217) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (36304) **10.30** HTV News (130033) **10.40** The Andy Sheppard Wrap (327033) **11.10** The War of the Worlds (278439) **12.05am** The Twilight Zone (1408927) **12.40** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport AM (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427366) **4.30** Rivera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (878) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (630) **10.40-11.10** Love at First Sight (327033)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News and Weather (84481255) **2.15-2.45** Dining in France (762217) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2445859) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (440255) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (878) **6.30-7.00** Going for Gold (630) **10.30** Meridian News (130033) **10.40** Billy (327033) **11.10** Film. The Hunters (785052) **12.40am-1.40** The Beat (5260231) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (28298)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S (5149897) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (68549192) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (61799615) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7996897) **2.35** Help Yourself (5914217) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (5904830) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (310526) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (830) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (130033) **10.40** Champions. Where Are They Now? (327033) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (278439) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (6806415) **12.35** Film. The Bit Player (797076) **2.25** Entertainment UK (7575347) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (6255250) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7792618)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5149897) **1.45** The Young Doctors (770236) **2.15** Gardening Time (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **3.15** Westcountry Latest (1740323) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2445659) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (36304) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (327033) **11.10** Island Son (907439). **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (6805786) **12.40** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport A.M (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427368) **4.30** Rivera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84481255) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7996897) **2.35** Help Yourself (5914217) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (5904830) **5.55** Calendar (310526) **6.30-7.00** It's a Vet's Life (630) **10.30** Calendar News (130033) **10.40** Champions Where Are They Now? (327033) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (278439) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (6806415) **12.35** Film: The Bit Player (797076) **2.25** Entertainment UK (7575347) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (6255250) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7792618)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (11946) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (28897) **9.30** Star Street (2615507) **9.55** Kid 'n Play (6852410) **10.20** Kelly (3524168) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4071656) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (6677043) **11.35** The Herbs (6848236) **11.50** Foofur (7801830) **12.05pm** The Bluffers (8040946) **12.30** Sesame Street (61781) **1.30** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (58526) **2.00** Film: The Mask of Zorro (823897) **3.40** The Three Stooges (6638323) **4.00** Garden Club (743) **4.30** The Wonder Years (255) **5.00** Countdown (1410) **5.30** Brookside (507) **6.00** Newyddion (166149) **6.10** Heno (753217) **7.00** Jacpot (8946) **7.30** Hollol Bananas (84656) **8.30** Newyddion (6101) **9.00** Summer's Out Out On Strike (4965) **9.30** Cheers (39491) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (854588) **10.55** Travellers' Tales (101033) **11.55** Dream On (919762) **12.25am** Summer's Out. Sleaze Ball Feed Them to the Cannibals (9972347)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (5716043) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1887656) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (57687138) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (62743) **10.00** Card Sharks (6813439) **10.25** Concentration (7735149) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2014025) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67149) **12.00** E Street (31385) **12.30pm** Three's Company (73859) **1.00** Falcon Crest (61014) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8295897) **2.55** Another World (2791120) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5957149) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9217) **6.00** Games World (9188) **6.30** E Street (3120) **7.00** Rescue (8566) **7.30** Full House (9304) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Days (15859) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27694) **11.00-12.00am** The Streets of San Francisco (48014)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1341385) **9.30** Roving Report (40385) **10.30** Memories (22491) **11.30** Business Report (42033) **12.30pm** Business Report (33507) **1.30** CBS This Morning (34236) **2.30** Memories (44830) **3.30** Travel Destinations (60149) **4.30** Business Report (6217) **5.00** Live at Five (671859) **7.30** Special Report (7946) **8.00** News Hour (40255) **9.30** Talkback (36101) **11.30** CBS News (40965) **12.30am** ABC News (26705) **1.00** Newswatch (82279) **1.30** CBS News **2.30** Memories (56927) **3.30** CBS News **4.30** Special Report (54057)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3438323)
10.00 Talent for the Game (1991) Baseball drama with Edward James Olmos (77675)
12.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951, b/w): John Howard Davies plays the Rugby scholar (28762)
2.00pm Butterflies are Free (1972): Goldie Hawn is the girl next door (18946)
4.00 If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium (1969). Hilarious adventures of American tourists on a bus tour (4149)
6.00 Talent for the Game (as 10am) (21410)
8.00 Fatal Love (1991): Coming to terms with AIDS. Starring Molly Ringwald and Lee Grant (45149656)
9.40 UK Top 10 (544946)
10.00 Boyz N The Hood (1991): Friends face the reality of life in Los Angeles (179830)
11.55 Night of the Warrior (1990). A man tries to escape his life of crime (198385)
1.45 Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (1991): Commandos in Arabia (49419291)
4.00 The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1971): Poe's tale, set in 19th-century Paris. Starring Jason Robards and Herbert Lom (86873) Ends at **5.30**

SKYMOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Annie (1981): Aileen Quinn wins the heart of millionaire Albert Finney (78197439)
8.05 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Paul Newman refuses to be bullied (64777192)
10.15 Blue Thunder (1983): Pilots use a state of the art helicopter to tackle crime (253491) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Gypsy Warriors (1978). War drama with Tom Selleck and James Whitmore Jr (24138)
8.00 Yogi's Great Escape: Adventures of the bears from Jellystone Park (36781)
10.00 Beauty and the Beast (1963): The classic fairy tale, with Joyce Taylor (75217)
12.00 That Kind of Woman (1959): Sophia Loren meets Tab Hunter on a train (26304)
2.00pm Funeral in Berlin (1966): Spy caper with Michael Caine (16588)
4.00 Yogi's Great Escape (as 8am) (5481)
6.00 If the Shoe Fits (1990): Modern-day Cinderella tale with Rob Lowe (55675)
7.30 Xposure (2014)
8.00 Love at Large (1989): Tom Berenger trails the wrong man (31897)
10.00 Double Impact (1991): Jean-Claude Van Damme plays twins seeking revenge for their parents' murder (447743)
11.50 Texasville (1990): Jeff Bridges finds his oil fortune evaporating (212304)
1.50am Death Valley (1982): A boy witnesses a murder (4399219)
3.20 Windprints (1989). John Hurt stars as a news cameraman working in Namibia (750892). Ends at **4.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (79156) **7.30** Pro Beach Women's Volleyball (17410) **9.00** Prime Bodies (20168) **9.30** Polo (82385) **10.30** Rugby Union: Australia v South Africa (80878) **12.30pm** Premier League Football. Swindon Town v Liverpool (63101) **2.30** US PGA Golf (50656) **4.00** Sports Special (5762) **4.30** Power Boats (1946) **5.00** Windsurfing (9472) **5.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (5526) **6.00** Soccer News (858385) **6.15** Wrestling Challenge (751697) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Aston Villa v Manchester Utd (18968149) **10.15** Soccer News (707588) **10.30** Ringside Superbouts (22656) **11.30** Cycling (88168) **12.00-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (99724)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (18439) **8.00** Golf Murphy's English Open (74965) **10.00** Cycling (59168) **12.00** Motorsport Report (52255) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis (55217) **3.00** Tennis WTA Tournament (18472) **4.00** Motorcycling (37507) **5.00** IndyCar Racing (3675) **6.00** Eurofun (7507) **6.30** News (8859) **7.00** Athletics (17168) **9.00** Boxing (44385) **10.00** Football (47472) **11.00** EuroGolf (79192) **12.00** News (83502)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (5487471) **7.30** Neighbours (2437156) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1209304) **8.30** EastEnders (1208675) **9.00** The Bill (1222255) **9.30** The Pallisers (1920946) **10.30** South of the Border (2110878) **11.30** Rhoda (8887033) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1202491) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5006304) **1.00** EastEnders (8837912) **1.30** The Bill (5005675) **2.00** George and Mildred (1556762) **2.30** Shelley (9326978) **3.00** Dallas (8898149) **4.00** Dynasty (8877656) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1547014) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (5726912) **6.00** Neighbours (8978435) **6.30** The Pallisers (8884946) **7.30** George and Mildred (4576679) **8.00** EastEnders (1576526) **8.30** Shelley (1555033) **9.00** South of the Border (1501526) **10.00** The Bill (1203120) **10.30** Naked Video (1229168) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9896052) **11.45** Dr Who (7390439) **12.15** Film: Run of the Arrow (4184453) **1.45-2.05** Video Bites (71558298)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (22897) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (7979061) **7.55** Ratkan II (2029110) **8.30** Hammerman (37472) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (51052) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (77588) **10.00** The Finder (44033) **10.30** He-man (57236) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (60859) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (61588) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (30439) **1.00** The Dreamstone (74762) **1.30** Gravedale High (70675) **2.00** Adventure (8762) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (4052) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2556323) **3.25** Ratkan II (5185491) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (6897) **4.00** Bobobobs (5304) **4.30** Betty's Bunch (1588) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (9014) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (5168) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (89323)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Shakespeare's Last Plays
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, presented by Piers Burton Page. Including: Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending: New Philharmonia *Orchestra under Adrian Boult* with Hugh Bean, violin); Wagner, transcr Liszt (Spinning Chorus, Der Fliegende Holländer: Louis Kentner, piano), Alfven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1: Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi); Respighi (Trittico Botticelliano: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Tamas Vasary)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla The Paris Years, presented by Raymond Calcraft. Falla (Vivan los que rien! La vida breve. Act 1); Rodrigo (Dos esbozos); Falla (Harpsichord Concerto); Rodrigo (Preludio al gallo mañanero, Zarabanda lejana, Serranilla, Cinco piezas infantiles)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk with José Fegali, piano, performs MacCunn (Overture, Land of the Mountain and the Flood), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor), Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
11.35 Prom Artist of the Week: Yuri Bashmet performs Beethoven, arr Mahler (Quartet in F minor, Op 95)
12.00 First among Originals Nicholas Anderson introduces recordings by Vienna Concentus Musicus. Bach (Oboe d'Amore Concerto in A, BWV 1055): Cantata No 5, Wo soll ich fliehen hin?; Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Other Five: French chamber music by composers whose music was often heard in the Paris of the 1920s. Jacques Ibert (Concertino da Camera: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner with John Harle, saxophone)
1.35 Test Match Special England v Australia. The final day's play in the Sixth Test presented by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Further commentary from Trevor Bailey, Vic Marks
6.10 Evening Sequence
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra under Mariss Jansons with Midori (violin) in her Proms debut, performs Schnittke (K, ein Sommernachtstraum), Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Strauss (An Alpine Symphony). In the interval at **8.20** Peter Paul Nash talks to Mariss Jansons
9.50 Bridget Riley — Five Dialogues on Art: A Reputation reviewed. Andrew Graham Dixon talks to Bridget Riley about her career and some of her concerns (r)
10.10 Solo Cello. Christopher van Kampen plays Britten (Cello Suite No 3, Op 87); James Patten (Three Pieces for solo cello: "... for nothing", In memoriam Samuel Beckett)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals
11.30 Music Restored: Corelli's English Followers. London Baroque perform a selection of John Ravenscroft's trio sonatas in the context of concertos by Corelli
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Heroic Failures: a series of classic disasters and farcical might-have-beens in readings from Stephen Pile's bestseller **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Live Wires: A nationwide guide by Richard Coles and Emma Freud to the appetites and aversions of the British people
10.00-10.30 Worldy Wise (FM only): Pete Hobday with guests Tony Hawkes, Charles Kennedy, Rosalind Miles and *Caroline Quentin*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from City United Reformed Church
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Kings (2/8) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses railway branch lines; asks what the number three means; talks to Shelley Faye Lazar on oriental needlepoint; and chooses a vinaigrette salad dressing. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Inside Money (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1993. See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Charlie Muffin. Brian Freemantle's anti-hero is left out in the cold — his own department is after him and so is the KGB. They haven't reckoned on Charlie's strength of character though because he is determined to escape alive and well and rich. With Philip Jackson, Sandor Eles and Peter Howell (r)
3.30 Conversations with Historians: John Miller talks to Linda Colley, Professor of History at Yale University, about her most recent work, *Britons*
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: *talks to the* biographer Antonia Fraser as she publishes her new book on Charles II; reviews the new *Concerto* television series; and reports from the Edinburgh Festival
4.45 Short Story: The Waltz. To mark the centenary of Dorothy Parker's birth, Elizabeth McGovern reads one of her most popular short stories
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: The antidote to panel games with Humphrey Lyttleton (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 My First Two Plays: Brian Clark looks back with mingled pain and pleasure to his debut as a playwright
7.35 The Monday Play: The Chicago Conspiracy Trial. See Choice
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Max Easterman
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood by Alistair MacLeod and read by Colin Stinton
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Delve Special (r)
11.30 The Gypsy Genius: The guitarist Django Reinhardt (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As World Service

CHOICE

The Chicago Conspiracy Trial. *Radio 4, 7.35pm.*
BBC radio has done many co-production deals with American studios and actors — rarely, however, to such ear-grabbing effect as with this drama-documentary about the 1969 Chicago trial in which eight men denied conspiring to incite a riot (anti-Vietnam, and anti much else too) the year before. Peter Goodchild's dramatisation of the trial transcripts, with interpolated comments from many of those involved in the sensational hearings, have produced an amalgam of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and an anarchic Woody Allen comedy.

Brain of Britain 1993. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*
Still unrivalled as a general knowledge contest after 41 seasons, and with Ian Gilles still setting the questions after 18 of those years, *Brain of Britain* reaches yet another last round this afternoon. Four finalists remain out of the original 48 hopefuls who went down like doughty ninepins. They are Geoff Colton, Ian Sadler, Barry Jones and Kentigern Smith. What *Brain of Britain* would be like without the scrupulously fair and witty chairing of Robert Robinson is something I hope we will not find out for many years yet. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow from The Square, Barry Island, Wales **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Loud and Proud **9.00** Out on Blue Six with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** The Best of Jazz with Kenny Baker **10.00** Jazz Greats: The Woody Herman Story (3/8) **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cola **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** *6.00am World Service 8.30 Danny Baker's* Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.15** The Haunting of Sophie Bartholomew (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. The final day's play of the Sixth Test **1.10pm** Student Choice '93 **2.00** Summer Sport **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird (1/10) (r) **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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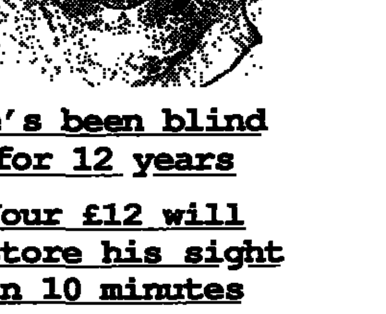
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BUSINESS

Pay races ahead of inflation in private sector

BY LINDSAY COOK
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

SALARY rises in the private sector are racing ahead of those in public services. Deals negotiated by private employees over the past three months have been running at up to four times those of state workers, according to a report from Incomes Data Services.

Almost all pay increases over the summer have been "well ahead of the rate of inflation", the employment research consultancy says. After analysing 71 settlements last month, the organisation expects the trend to continue.

In the three months to July, rises have been bunching at between 2 and 4 per cent in the private sector, while those in the public sector have been sticking at the 1.5 per cent government limit. During July, four new pay freezes were recorded, compared with 35 in January, and 20 in April. In total, 24 awards were worth 3 to 3.9 per cent, nine were worth 4 to 4.9 per cent and two between 5 and 5.9 per cent.

July pay deals included a 4.75 per cent average merit award at Scottish Equitable, 4 per cent performance-related pay for 7,000 people at Guardian Royal Exchange and 3.75 per cent at the Nationwide Building Society. Texaco staff enjoyed a 3.7 per cent rise, most Glaxo employees saw 3.5 per cent and there was a 3.45 per cent average merit increase at the Alliance & Leicester Building Society.

In the public sector, staff of London Underground, British Rail and the BBC were among those who received 1.5 per cent, just ahead of inflation at 1.4 per cent. Industrial civil servants agreed 1 per cent rises together with the consolidation of a £1 a week bonus and an extra day's holiday.

The IDS analysis of more than 100 groups of managers shows them averaging just over 3 per cent in the May to July period, the same as the previous three months. "This steadying of management awards over the last six months may indicate that pay pressures on companies are easing as a result of improved economic expectations," the report concludes. "A fall in the proportion of companies implementing pay pauses or freezes supplies further tentative evidence that salary constraints are relaxing."

PETER TREVINOR



ICL, the computer group, was one of five companies competing in a strange tug-of-war yesterday at British Airways's Hatton Cross maintenance base. The winner was Taylor Woodrow, whose team of 40 pulled all 90 tonnes of Concorde 100 metres in 62 seconds. BA finished runners-up just two seconds behind in 64 seconds. About £25,000 was raised for the airline's Dreamflight charity, which sends seriously ill children to Disneyworld in Florida.

Gas faces split into ten companies on demerger

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ British Gas shareholders could get windfall gains if shares are issued in demerged gas companies to comply with the Monopolies and Mergers report

BRITISH Gas is expected to divide its gas trading activities into as many as ten companies for sale separately if the government implements break-up recommendations unveiled last week by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The break-up could come well ahead of the 1997 deadline recommended by the MMC if a timetable can be agreed with the government.

Division of the activities would strengthen the hand of the core British Gas pipeline company in negotiations with its customers and reduce the risk of further official action to curb the market dominance of the trading arm.

Demerger would mean that British Gas shareholders would receive shares in the new company or companies.

The UK supply business, which had sales last year of about £6 billion, is expected to be an early candidate. An alternative would be to sell the companies to trade rivals. The flotation of separate companies without an individual track record would be more difficult.

Breaking the corporation up into a number of companies would probably increase the proceeds that British Gas can reap from a sale and open the way for vigorous bidding for parts of the business by foreign utilities anxious to gain experience of operating in a competitive market.

The fragmentation of the company is regarded as increasingly probable by industry commentators. It is also seen as highly likely by Dave Stirzaker, leader of the Unison union's 32,000 gas workers, after discussions with Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, last week.

After a nine-month enquiry, the MMC said that British Gas should be forced to divest its gas trading arm to remove the conflict of interest caused by its role as both operator and customer of its core pipeline business. It is not certain that the government will adopt the MMC findings, or make the parliamentary time required to enact the necessary changes to the Gas Act.

However, plans for accounting separation of the trading business, which will be required by the year end, come what may, are already well advanced within British Gas.

Signs are growing that the company will divest all its downstream activities, including the gas showrooms, already the victim of savage cutbacks, and the appliance maintenance business.

However, the impact on employee numbers remains unclear. Union officials accuse the company of scaremongering with threats that 20,000 of the 76,200 UK workforce will lose their jobs.

They believe that the figure is merely a projection obtained from calculations on cost savings needed to protect profits, without regard to the labour requirements of the business.

"When you ask British Gas where these jobs are going to go from, they seem to have no idea," Mr Stirzaker said.

Union leaders say that British Gas will face growing difficulties in shedding staff. Job-shedding to date has been achieved by voluntary redundancy and early retirement. However, most of the over-50s have already left. Those remaining are less likely to be attracted by payoffs unless the employment market improves markedly.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will consider the MMC report next month when he returns to work at the trade department after a heart attack.

Eight out of ten Conservative MPs support the ending of the monopoly of British Gas, according to a poll commissioned by ScottishPower's gas subsidiary, Caledonian Gas. Of the 100 MPs on the panel, 79 per cent of the Conservatives backed open competition and a quarter of the Labour MPs supported the recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Housing price rise 'needed to aid recovery'

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE British economic recovery is likely to run out of steam unless there is a boom in investment or a clear rise in asset prices, such as house prices, according to a study by Lehman Brothers, the American investment bank.

The conclusions suggest that even lower base rates, perhaps as low as 4 per cent, may be necessary to ignite healthy economic growth after a recession that was characterised by falling asset prices and high levels of private-sector debt.

The author, Jane Edwards, of Lehman Brothers' London research team, has found that the amount of debt held by consumers is not as important to their propensity to spend as what is happening with asset prices and the ability to service debt.

The implication of this is that continued recovery in consumer spending depends on a rise in asset prices — and in Britain house prices are probably most critical — and/or a further fall in the cost of servicing debt.

The study's findings suggest that real consumption growth this year could amount to 3 per cent, but that this could fall to less than 1 per cent next year as higher taxes erode disposable income and the worth of continuing low wage rises is undermined by higher inflation.

Gerald Holtham, chief UK economist at Lehman Brothers, said: "If asset prices do not rise or interest rates fall further, there is no reason why the savings ratio should fall any further. We are not talking about a collapse in consumer spending, but a slowdown from this year's levels, and that is negative for recovery prospects."

The current prospects for house price rises are not auspicious, with building societies reporting, on balance, only that prices are stabilising.

Building societies have made it clear said that a half-point cut in base lending rates would probably not lead to lower mortgage rates.

Clerical Medical rejects demands over funds

BY TONY HETHERINGTON

CLERICAL Medical International, the offshore investment arm of the Clerical Medical insurance group, has rejected demands from a Cyprus company for a six-figure payment as an out-of-court settlement in its fight to recover £20 million of investors' funds.

The £20 million was managed by Bankhall Investment Management, a Fimbra member company in Cheshire. Fimbra has suspended two Bankhall directors after complaints from Clerical Medical that the money was transferred to a bank account in Cyprus without proper authority.

The Cyprus account is in the name of Hanover Bank, a small bank licensed by the government of Antigua and headed by Tony Fitzpatrick, a Dublin businessman. According to Bankhall, the money was sent to Cyprus as security for the purchase of prime bank guarantees, which were to have been obtained through Kinitor Ltd, a local company.

Kinitor has obtained an injunction, freezing the Cyprus account. It has since approached Clerical Medical, requesting a payment in exchange for lifting the injunction and consenting to the return of the funds to the UK.

Rick May, deputy chief executive of CMI Financial Services, said: "They have made several offers to us which, when we have spoken to them, have changed, or they have retracted the offers. We have not been able to have what we would consider to be a proper discussion through our lawyers about a way of settling this."

A court in Cyprus will now sit on Wednesday to determine whether the injunction should be lifted or continued.

Clerical Medical has also begun legal proceedings in the UK against David Warnock, Bankhall's managing director, and Philip Simons, a business associate, for allegedly putting investors' funds at risk. Both men are countersuing, alleging that Clerical Medical has defamed them in a letter to investors and in comments to the press.

Clerical Medical is also enquiring into the role played by Mr Fitzpatrick. High Court records in the Irish Republic show five judgments against him for sums owed to various banks.

Disney sees no date for happy ending

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Eisner, chairman and chief executive of Walt Disney, said this weekend that he could not predict when its Euro Disney, France, would pull out of the red. It is forecast to lose £200 million in the year to September 30.

He said: "You don't like to bleed any longer than you have to. A lot of attention is being spent in Paris on how to resolve this, as well as conversations with our company here, but I don't know how long it will take. We'll live with it as long as we have to, but we certainly would like it to be shorter than longer."

Mr Eisner dismissed as "ludicrous" suggestions that the £3 billion park will close, and said: "There's a lot misinformation being talked ... the consumer response has been monumental." However, he confirmed that expansion had been delayed and that property development would not go ahead immediately, but declined to say whether Walt Disney would have to put more money into the project.



Eisner: public problem

"The parent company's financial obligations are a complicated matter and I can't go into that," he said. "We have a big stake in it already. We would like to see it resolve itself, but we do not know how the parent company and Euro Disney are going to react."

In less than a month, Walt Disney has raised £200 million and asked the Securities and Exchange Commission for consent to raise £660 million for "general purposes".

Walt Disney has said that Euro Disney losses will continue all summer and hit full-year profits of the US parent.

Mr Eisner said: "The problem in Euro Disney is that it's a public company and every financial moment has to be reported. Somehow there's an obsession with our finances which is a little embarrassing."

Mr Eisner added: "As a shareholder of Euro Disney, this project is extremely important to us. I think it puts a tent pole of the Walt Disney company in the middle of Europe which ten years from now will be an icon for the company and for the entertainment business. We believe it is a long-term positive for our shareholders and for Euro Disney shareholders. My only problem is, I can't tell you how long it's going to take."

Shortfall tops £4bn at LUI subsidiaries

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

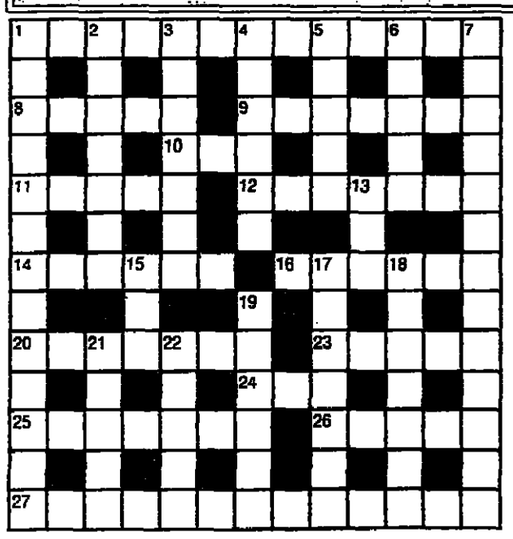
THOUSANDS of people owed money by five insolvent insurance subsidiaries of London United Investments (LUI), the collapsed property and investment company, will this week hear that the companies' shortfall in funds has escalated to more than £4 billion.

Potential losses are said to have reached £4.5 billion, nearly £1.5 billion worse than thought.

Chris Hughes and Ian Bond, of Cork Gully, joint provisional liquidiators of the KWELM companies — Kingscroft, Walbrook, El Paso, Lime Street and Mutual Reinsurance — have so far recovered $280 million of assets. The liquidators are sending the 90,000 to 100,000 KWELM creditors a fast-track repayment plan this week. This is expected to be followed by the long-awaited publication of the trade and industry department enquiry into LUI, which is also being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

The liquidators are set to meet creditors on November 15, and if the necessary 75 per cent approval for the plan is given, creditors would receive an "initial distribution of dividends within the first nine months of 1994," Mr Hughes said.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Van der Sterren - Koelman, Holland 1992. White has a powerful attack, but he is a piece down and is also in check. Can he do better than move the king?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHAKESPEAREANS

EMILIA
a. A twin's lover
b. Iago's wife
c. A saucy serving wench

LUCIUS
a. A false friend
b. A tribune of the Plebs
c. A companion of Romeo

POLIXENES
a. A king
b. A comforter of Timon
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